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INDIA GETS HOLD OF FIRST BATCH OF RAFALE AIRCRAFT

Five Rafale combat jets landed at the Ambala Air Force base at 3.10 pm on Wednesday, after covering a distance of 7,000 km from the Merignac airbase in France, giving India's air power a strategic edge in the midst of a bitter border row with China in eastern Ladakh and frayed ties with Pakistan

WATER CANNON SALUTE FOR THE NEW JETS

Each jet was given a special water cannon salute at the strategically located air base in the presence of IAF top brass. Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted in Sanskrit that there is no virtue like protecting the nation and there is no vow like defence of the nation. The NDA government had inked the ₹59,000-crore deal on September 23, 2016, to procure 36 Rafale jets from French aerospace major Dassault Aviation after a nearly seven-year exercise to procure 126 Medium Multi-Role Combat Aircraft for the Indian Air Force did not fructify during the UPA regime

INDIA'S VEILED MESSAGE TO CHINA

- "The Birds have landed safely in Ambala," Defence Minister Rajnath Singh tweeted as soon as the aircraft touched down at the Indian Air Force air base at Ambala in Haryana
- The minister also sent a veiled message to China, saying those who want to threaten India's territorial integrity should be worried about the new capability of the Indian Air Force
- The fleet, comprising three single-seater and two twin-seater aircraft, will be inducted into the IAF's No 17 Squadron | P9

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OUT OF THE 36 RAFALE JETS ORDERED BY INDIA WILL BE FIGHTER JETS, WHILE SIX WILL BE TRAINERS. THE TWIN-SEATER TRAINER JETS WILL HAVE MOST FEATURES OF THE FIGHTER JETS

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Policy to reform school, higher edu gets Cabinet nod

10+2 model out, 5+3+3+4 system in; multiple entry & exit options in bachelor's courses; UGC, AICTE to merge into one higher edu body

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA
@New Delhi

THE Union Cabinet on Wednesday approved the New Education Policy, a vision document to guide the country's education blueprint for the coming years, bringing closure to an exercise that began during the first tenure of the Narendra Modi government.

The approval of the near 400-page document paves the way for restructuring of school education from the current 10+2 model to 5+3+3+4, covering ages 3-18 and renaming the Union Ministry of Human Resources Development as Education Ministry.

The NEP will also facilitate establishment of a central regulatory body for all school boards, called National Assessment Centre, to ensure uniform education levels across the country.

The government has also planned to introduce vocational training from Class VI with internships. The big idea is to reduce textbook content to core concepts, with greater emphasis on experiential learning.

In higher education, the NEP will allow multiple entry and exit options in bachelor's programmes, multi-disciplinary courses, option of three or four years for UG courses and discontinuation of MPhil programme.

"The changes we are proposing in the education sector through the NEP will bring not only incremental, but transformational changes in the field," said Union HRD Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank.

What's 5+3+3+4

5 represents the foundational stage (in two parts - 3 years of Anganwadi or pre-school + 2 years in primary school in Classes I-II, together covering ages 3-8): It will have flexible, multilevel play or activity-based learning and the curriculum and pedagogy of national early childhood care and education

The first 3 stands for the preparatory stage (Classes III-V, covering ages 8-11). It will have experiential learning across the sciences, mathematics, arts, social sciences, and humanities

The second 3 is the middle stage (Classes VI-VIII, covering ages 11-14) with subject-oriented pedagogical and curricular style

4 is the secondary stage (Class IX-XII in two phases - IX and X in the first, and XI and XII in the second, covering ages 14-18). It will have more emphasis on depth, critical thinking. Flexibility in choice of subjects enhanced

Other takeaways

No rigid separation between academic streams, extracurricular, vocational streams in schools; vocational education to start from Class VI with internships

Teaching up to at least Class V in mother tongue or regional language

Report cards will be a comprehensive report on skills and capabilities instead of just marks and statements

Students will get more flexibility in the choice of subjects, particularly in secondary school, including physical education, the arts and crafts, and vocational skills.

Wherever possible, the medium of instruction until at least Class V, but preferably till Class VIII and beyond, will be the mother tongue or local language, says the new policy which replaces the earlier policy adopted in 1986 and modified in 1992.

The NEP says textbooks will include knowledge from ancient India and modern India, as well as Indian knowledge systems. Also, all students will take school examinations in Classes III, V, and VIII. Board exams for Classes X and XII will be made "easier", as they will test core competencies rather than months of coaching or rote learning.

In the higher education sector, UGC, AICTE and the National Council for Teacher's Education will be merged into a single higher education commission. P9

Unlock 3.0 to mark end of night curfew

There were slim pickings from the guidelines for Unlock 3.0 that begins from August 1. A look

FRESH ACTIVITIES

NIGHT CURFEW FINALLY ENDS

Yoga institutes, gyms can open from **AUGUST 5**

INDEPENDENCE DAY FUNCTIONS ALLOWED

International air travel of passengers has been permitted in a limited manner under the Vande Bharat mission. Further opening up will take place in a calibrated manner

NOT PERMITTED

Social, political, sporting, entertainment, academic, cultural and religious functions not allowed till August 31

Schools, colleges and coaching institutes will remain closed till **AUGUST 31**

METRO RAIL STAYS SUSPENDED

Cinema halls, swimming pools, entertainment parks, theatres, bars, auditoriums, assembly halls and similar places to stay shut

BENGALURU CITY LIKELY TO GET NEW POLICE COMMISSIONER SOON

Incumbent commissioner Bhaskar Rao will complete his one-year tenure on August 2. Sources said that ADGP, State Intelligence, Kamal Pant, is a top contender | P3

No student who appears at an examination centre with a valid hall ticket should be prevented from attending the test for any reason - The Karnataka High Court

State can go ahead with CET, rules HC

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THE cloud over K-CET cleared with the Karnataka High Court on Wednesday declining to entertain a batch of PILs, seeking directions to the state government to postpone the Common Entrance Test in view of the situation created by the Covid pandemic. The crucial test for admissions to professional colleges will now be held as per schedule on Thursday and Friday.

The court, however, made it clear that no student who appears at an examination centre with a valid hall ticket should be prevented from attending the test for any reason.

In a statement before the court, the state government said that 1,84,368 students who have downloaded the hall tickets, including 1,881 from outside Karnataka and 51 students who have tested positive for Covid, are expected to appear for the test to be held at 497 centres across the state. Among 1,881 students from other states, 1,300 students are taking the test in Bengaluru. Around 30,000 students changed their examination centres and 75 new centres were added to accommodate their choice, the government stated.

As many as 40 students who have tested positive will write the test, and they will be provided with food. Invigilators at these special centres set up for Covid-positive students will come in two shifts, wear PPE throughout, collect papers and maintain hygiene as per the SOP, said Deputy Chief Minister Dr C N Ashwath Narayan on Wednesday. P2

A day before the start of the K-CET, a staffer at Maharani Lakshmi Ammanni College readies the exam hall in Bengaluru on Wednesday | SHRIRAM BN

GOVT DOES U-TURN, PUTS TIPU BACK

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FOLLOWING criticism from all quarters, the Karnataka government has taken a complete U-turn on the omission of chapters on the characters from Karnataka history, Tipu Sultan and Haider Ali, and included them back in the Class 7 syllabus.

Education Minister S Suresh Kumar said that it was not the final syllabus and has been withdrawn from the Karnataka Text Book Society (KTBS) website. "We have not finalised which lessons will be truncated. It is unclear as to how many working days, schools may get this academic year. Depending on the number of days available, a decision will be made scientifically. None of the lessons will be cut unnecessarily and there will be no scope for any confusion. The syllabus was accidentally put on the website and I have asked our officials to take it down," the minister said.

"There is no question of covering up the history of any person, record, or fact. Our government will not do the work of destroying society. It should not be given any unnecessary political colour," he said. P3

Modi brainstorming on MSME stress and loan moratorium with top bankers

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PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday met top bankers to discuss loan moratorium, the proposal for single-window clearance for MSME loans and the issue to closure of MSME units due to lockdown. The meeting, conducted via video-conference, was attended by SBI Chairman Rajnish Kumar, PNB chief S S Mallikarjuna Rao, ICICI Bank's Sandeep Bakhshi and HDFC Bank boss Aditya Puri, besides top officials of the Finance Ministry and the PMO.

"It was a brainstorming session to take stock of the liquidity situation, loan disbursement and moratorium during lockdown," a senior official present in the meeting told *TNIE*.

Sources in the PMO said the meeting will happen again on Thursday which will be attended by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das, Sebi chief Ajay Tyagi, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal, and MSME Minister Nitin Gadkari. The meeting is scheduled in the backdrop of the economic stress due to Covid-19.

KARNATAKA COVID-19 BATTLE

5,503 Test Positive on Wednesday

TOTAL CASES 1,12,504

42,901 Total Recoveries

2,147 Total Deaths

Bengaluru Urban breaches 50k mark, with 51,091 total cases so far

Devaraja Market in Mysuru closed for public, as people fail to maintain social distancing

Bed capacity increased at Covid hospital in Madikeri

MORE ON P4

Central bankers are not servants of govt: Acharya

G S VASU, JAYANTA ROY CHOWDHURY & SUNITHA NATTI

THEY say it's better to lose the battle to win a war. Dr Viral Acharya, former deputy governor of RBI, perhaps believes it in letter and spirit. He quit his post prematurely last July, nine months after his rule-breaking speech that brought out simmering differences with the government into spotlight. An open debate, he said in an exclusive interview with *TNIE*, was the only option left when bureaucratic pressures became unrelenting spanning multiple functions of RBI.

"I'm glad we did it and I'll do it again if I have the opportunity to do so. I think voice and dissent are important parts of a country for right decision-making," he said.

On 'vested interests' influencing central banking decisions, he said government horizons can be short at times and that's when they don't want to follow rules and use discretion even if that leads to short-term risks. This became unacceptable and when matters came to a head, Acharya and then Governor Urjit Patel quit.

"We know that the pressures coming from the bureaucracy and government are in their own vested short-term interests. Central banks are run by public servants and we have a legal constitutional mandate which we take seriously... Then we know that the pressures are unrelenting and at some point, we have to draw a line. Public servant is a servant of the public, not a servant of the bureaucrat or of the government," he noted, adding every compromise made today is a starting point for renegotiations tomorrow. P12

Politics and economics are aligned right now. This is a golden opportunity to restructure our institutions on fiscal reform path — Viral Acharya, former deputy governor, Reserve Bank of India

It's in his stars, state scholar set date for Ayodhya Bhoomi Puja

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

WHEN Prime Minister Narendra Modi places a silver brick marking the Bhoomi Puja of the Ram Temple at Ayodhya between 8 am and 12 noon on August 5, he will be going by the auspicious time and calendar set by Karnataka's own N R Vijayendra Sharma of Belagavi.

The 75-year-old Pandit Sharma, who has been associated with the Ramjanma Bhoomi movement over the last many years, was approached by the organisers in February this year to set the date for the religiously significant event. He had picked Akshaya Tritiya, which fell in April this year, for the foundation-laying ceremony. But then the lockdown was announced because of the Covid pandemic and the event had to be put on hold.

"I gave four more dates of July 29, July 31, August 1 and August 5. All the four muhurtas are auspicious and fell in the Shravana Masa, which is an auspicious month in the Hindu calendar. August 5 is also apt for Vaastu Muhurta and ideal for Bhoomi Puja. The foundation has to be laid before 12 noon, after which Rahu Kala sets in," Pandit Sharma told *The New Indian Express*. But he will not be able to attend the event because of Covid.

Pandit Sharma said that he has been a close aide of Swamy Govind Dev Giriji, who is one of the members of Ram Janmabhoomi Teertha Kshetra Trust.

He has been the go-to astrologer for many prominent politicians across the political spectrum. He has advised former PMs Morarji Desai and also Atal Bihari Vajpayee. P2

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ALMANAC TODAY
• Thursday 30/07/2020 • Year: Sarvari • Ayana : Dakshinayana • Ritu: Varsha
• Masa: Sravana • Paksha: Shukla • Tithi: Ekadashi 12:25 am • Nakshatra: Anuradha 9:24 am
• Moon in Dhanur Rashi • Rahukaala: 01:30 pm to 03:00pm
• Gulikakala: 09:00 am to 10:30 am • Yamaganda: 03:00 am to 04:30 am

WEATHER WATCH
MIN 21°C | MAX 27°C
FORECAST
Thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy.

Sunrise 6.05 am
Sunset 6.47 pm
Moonrise 3.02 pm
Moonset 1.52 am

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TESTING TIMES

Covid +ve students to write CET in care centres

Invigilators to wear PPE kits, follow all safety norms, says DyCM

A day before the CET exam, Maharani Ammani College authorities gear up, keep masks and sanitiser bottles ready | SHRIRAM BN

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AS many as 40 students, who have tested Covid positive, will write the Karnataka Common Entrance Test in Covid Care Centres across the state on Thursday and Friday, DyCM Ashwath Narayan on Wednesday.

Invigilators will come in two shifts, wear PPE kits, and follow the standard operating procedure, he said.

"The court has asked us not to insist on positive fitness certificates from these students," he said adding that students who are awaiting test results will be accommodated in special rooms at the regular exam centres.

Although students will have to manage transport for the test, DCs have arranged vehicles for students who contracted the virus. Students from containment zones will be allowed entry if they show their hall tickets and come with their guardian. This has been discussed with the police and other officials, he said. They can then board buses as these are plying on all routes. There will be special rooms for those who are symptomatic, and from containment zones.

There will be no refund for students who fail the Class 12 supplementary paper. No accommodation arrangements for students coming from outside the state have been made.

Protect interest of 1.8L students, HC tells govt

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THE division bench comprising Justices Aravind Kumar and M I Arun passed the order at 7.30 pm, rejecting the interim prayer for a stay on the state government notification of May 13, 2020.

The interest of 1.84 lakh students who want to appear for the CET should be safeguarded, the bench said, allowing the state to go ahead. But it said that the government should ensure that no student from containment zones are prevented from appearing for the test.

All facilities, including transport and medical assistance, should be ensured as promised in the standard operating procedure (SOP) by the government, the bench. Student with Covid symptoms, who do not have a fitness certificate, should not be denied entry.

Responding to the court directions to reconsider its decision on holding the CET, the state government said it has decided to go ahead as precautionary measures are in place. The state, however, made it clear that it cannot give another chance if a student misses the test.

UNDER A COVID SHADOW

People shop in Malleswaram ahead of the Varamahalakshmi festival, despite showers in the city on Wednesday | SHRIRAM BN

Instead of buying new buses, BMTC to use funds for salaries

PREEJA PRASAD @Bengaluru

THE pandemic seems to have thrown cold water on the plans of the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) to expand its fleet. It was all set to purchase 1,500 diesel buses at a cost of Rs 600 crore. But the Covid-targeted measures pushed the transport utility into a financial crisis, and the funds for the new vehicles will be diverted to pay the salaries of its staffers, sources said.

The corporation is now set for three months in terms of salaries. The funds are said to be diverted after September as the procurement is now on hold, sources said.

The state government had released Rs 426 crore for June and July. Deputy Chief Minister Laxman Savadi had also said that the state government released Rs 961 crore for all the state transport undertakings and this will suffice till September.

The BMTC board had approved the procurement of the BS-VI diesel buses after approval from the state government. BS-VI emission norms had come into effect in the country from April 1.

The state government was to provide Rs 100 crore per annum for seven years in the form of loan subsidy to BMTC for acquiring the new buses. The corporation operates only 1,500 to 2,000 buses and the new buses were needed to match the current population of the city.

Scholar knows eight languages

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"IN fact, based on Vajpayee's birthday, I had suggested the date for him to take oath as PM," N R Vijayendra Sharma recalled.

A scholar and gold medallist from Banaras Hindu University, Sharma knows eight languages. He spent his early days in Vijayapura, where his family shifted to from Paajaka near Udupi. He went to Varanasi for higher studies and became a disciple of scholar Gopalcharya Guruji, with whom he travelled across the country. "My guru is not here today, but whatever I have achieved is because of him," he said.

EXPRESS READ

Tenders floated

Bengaluru: Tenders were floated on Monday for building the road underbridges for the doubling project of the Baiyapannahalli-Hosur section of the SWR line. This project and the Yesvantpur-Channasandra doubling line project are being taken up as a joint venture for the city's suburban rail project. ENS

Life sciences park to generate 50K jobs

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Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Wednesday laid the foundation stone for the Rs 5,000-crore Bengaluru Life Sciences Park, coming up on 52 acres at Electronics City.

The first phase of the project, a public-private partnership (PPP) between the state government and Labzone Corp, is expected to be completed by December 2022.

After laying the foundation stone, Yediyurappa said all support will be extended to the biotechnology sector, and that the government will take steps to ensure Karnataka emerges as the 'BT hub'.

"We will give more importance to commerce and industry. The Bengaluru Life Sciences Park will help expand the perimeter of the state's biotechnology sector. The government has released Rs 150 crore towards this project," the CM said adding the park will house over 150 companies and over 100 start-ups, which will generate over 50,000 direct and indirect jobs. There are 380 companies and over 200 start-ups in this sector. Karnataka has 9 per cent market share in Asia's biotechnology space, while India has a share of 35 per cent.

"This percentage should increase significantly and the government is ready to extend the required facilities in achieving this," Yediyurappa said.

Building collapse: Owner slapped with notice

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BBMP Commissioner N Manjunath Prasad and Mayor M Goutham Kumar on Wednesday visited the under-construction building that collapsed on Tuesday night in Majestic, where the Kapali theatre once stood.

As soon as the building started to develop cracks and tilt, the police, the fire and emergency department and the BBMP ensured that all neighbouring buildings were evacuated.

Speaking to the media after the inspection, Prasad said, "A show-cause notice has been sent to the company (Dharma Keshava Infra Private Limited) and the building sanction plan has been put on hold. A special committee has been formed to inspect the site and give a detailed report. Based on the findings, legal action will be initiated against the company. The company has also been told to pay for damages to neighbouring buildings and for clearing the construction debris."

The building that collapsed near Kapali theatre in Bengaluru on Tuesday | PANDARINATH B

Meanwhile, the BBMP wrote to Dr Shankar, managing trustee of the neighbouring Ananath Swamy Mutt, to vacate the building.

BBMP officials who were part of the inspection said the company had taken permission to construct four basements, a ground floor and five floors on a 56,000-square-foot plot. The plan sanction was as per December 2018 bylaws, but the company had not collected the commencement certificate. Also, the company was supposed to construct four retaining walls, but had completed only three. Deep excavation work was also done. They claimed that due to Covid, labourers had left. No precautionary measures were taken and due to heavy rainfall, the soil had become loose. Since the foundation work was incomplete, the building collapsed.

Officials added that a week ago, a complaint was sent to the BBMP that the building had started to tilt. The BBMP and the police then inspected the spot and asked people in nearby buildings to evacuate.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

30th July : There's a spate of Mercury patterns at the moment, and they all concern mysterious planets like Pluto. So, what might we expect from this? Well, I'd say that we can look for inventive, innovative and unusual ideas. The skill is in knowing which can actually be put into practice and which are just a waste of time.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
You're entering a busy phase so you'll probably need all the help you can get. Splendid planetary indications reinforce the region of your chart ruling friends and acquaintances. You may follow your stars and build up a network of contacts for use at work as well as in your leisure life.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
The period you are now entering will put amazing pressure on you to move home. I'm talking, by the way, in terms of a time-scale of at least six months, but the point is that any premature decision will either not come to pass or be severely delayed.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Long-buried feelings and desires should come to the surface, and quite right, too. This is a positive phase, favouring all long-term adventures and far-flung possibilities. Integrity is a must. The moment your standards slip, then your plans will begin to come unstuck.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
You must be at some pains to point out that obstacles are not your responsibility. However, if you can possibly also spread the word that you are not solely to thank for a number of favourable moves, and that other people should share the credit, then your humility will eventually be rewarded.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Please don't imagine that you have been passed by. There is enough in today's stars to indicate that should you accept first that cooperation is vital, and second, that other people's feelings should be taken into account. In other words, selflessness wins the day!

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
There's still no let-up at work. In fact, there is every indication that life is about to get even busier. Please don't grumble, for consciously or unconsciously, you are inviting fresh responsibilities and letting yourself in for extra hard work.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Your romantic and social prospects are not perfect, but you're ninety-five percent there. Do give all personal contacts, from the most intimate liaisons right down to casual meetings, your fullest attention. The last thing you want to do now is make a slip that will upset someone who matters to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
Everything that I have said about the potential for change at home continues, yet in a far more intense fashion. If I were you, I'd wait until the dust settles before acting on current feelings. Perhaps, though, you can press on with small and unimportant plans.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
If you're holding discussions, conducting a debate or attending an interview, well done: you are absolutely and totally in tune with your stars. In any case, please do make a point of sharing all your desires, hopes and plans with everyone who is concerned, however remotely.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
The financial indications are contradictory, but I'd say you're in with a better than average chance of a windfall. The important point is not to get bound up with the details of income and expenditure, but to resolve to deal with money better. A positive attitude now equals prosperity in the future.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Get into top gear and take control. At work, at home, in love and in business, this is the day to make a fresh start. Psychological and material spring-cleaning should be comprehensive, thorough and all-embracing. Leave no stone unturned.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
You may try to make things easier for yourself by being as flexible as you can over long-term emotional engagements. Your standards are high and getting higher, so you must know what you want of yourself before demanding it of others. That's only fair.

THE PHANTOM

THE LLONGO NAME FOR THIS FOREST...
IT TRANSLATES AS "THE WOODS THAT MAKE MEN MAD."
I THINK I'VE HAD A TASTE OF WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT!
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2	8	5	7					
	4				2			
			8	4			6	
1	5			2			4	7
	2			7	1			
			9				3	
					3	9	2	1
	1			8				

HARD

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzles

1	6	8	4	9	2	7	5	3
9	2	3	7	5	8	6	1	4
7	5	4	1	6	3	2	9	8
3	7	2	9	1	4	8	6	5
5	9	1	6	8	7	3	4	2
4	8	6	2	3	5	9	7	1
8	1	7	3	4	9	5	2	6
6	3	9	5	2	1	4	8	7
2	4	5	8	7	6	1	3	9

JUMBLE — THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

NEEUV
GUHRO
GMYUSL
YAAAPP

I don't mean to talk down to you, but I'm the tallest!
I hate being in his shadow.
No one even bothers to climb me.
MOUNT EVEREST TOPS OUT AT 29,029 FEET, MAKING IT HARD FOR OTHER MOUNTAINS TO ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer here: ( ) ( )

(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: PAUSE GIVEN BATTEN PROVEN
Answer: The mountaintop basketball court featured -- VANTAGE POINTS

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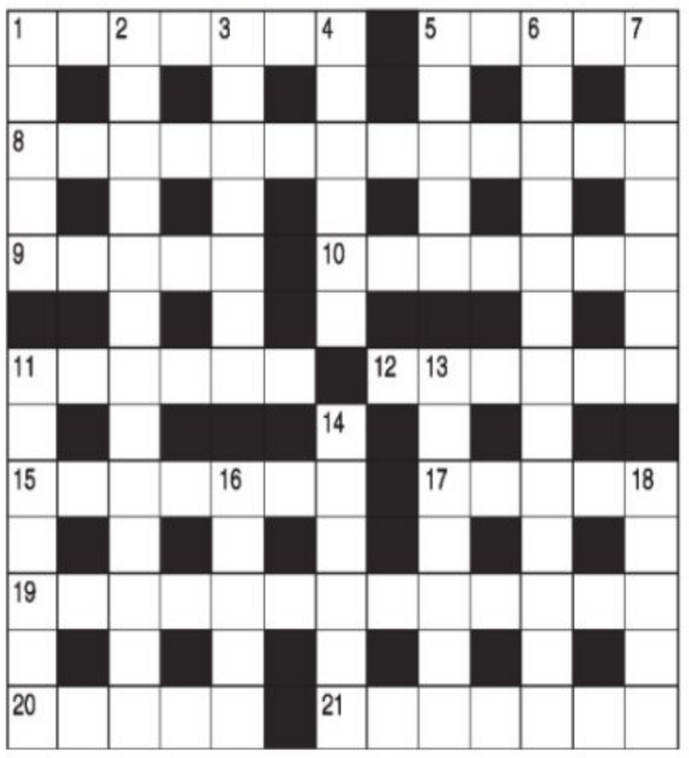
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Knocked out so no cup tickets required (7)
5 You may find them by the sea and on board ship (5)
8 I for one would make a fine landlord (7,6)
9 I care about a growing girl (5)
10 Cooked me instead! (7)
11 Edison devised a legal position in play (6)
12 I shut a new opening (6)
15 Wildly angered (7)
17 What the viewer sees in TV is a puzzle (5)
19 Made fearfully late? (6,2,5)
20 New cadet deputised (5)
21 Provide new gear as compensation (7)

DOWN

1 Hiding place many yearn to find (5)
2 Employee who gains nothing by waiting? (6,7)
3 Apparent but not in a hospital room (7)
4 Soda water display (6)
5 Cultivated Scandinavian (5)
6 Very busy explaining what the Reign of Terror was? (2,4,2,5)
7 Takes good steps not to have to walk in the streets (7)
11 Prospect following land clearance (4,3)
13 Was an unwanted visitor from abroad (7)
14 Elite type found in newspaper production (6)
16 Consented to give up a vice (5)
18 Chase around wanting treatment? (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Stage, 8 Side drum, 9 Piled, 10 Iterates, 11 Put on, 12 Emu, 16 Wallet, 17 Sandra, 18 Age, 23 Stick, 24 Resented, 25 Snows, 26 Executed, 27 Genre.

Down: 1 Tribunal, 3 Grenoble, 4 Victim, 5 Weird, 6 Write, 7 Amuse, 12 ETA, 13 Use, 14 Instance, 15 Price war, 19 Geezer, 20 Greek, 21 Aspen, 22 Incur.

CCB sleuths have unearthed a nexus between pubs, DJs and drug peddlers, and arrested four peddlers working for DJs recently. They seized narcotic substances worth Rs 1.25 crore

Savadi, Joshi rubbish talk of leadership change

DyCM was in Delhi to meet Gadkari to discuss department work

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@Bengaluru, Belagavi

DEPUTY Chief Minister Laxman Savadi, Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi and other senior BJP leaders on Wednesday rubbished speculation over change of leadership in the State.

Savadi's visit to New Delhi after his meeting with Governor Vajubhai Vala, and skipping the first anniversary celebrationsof the BJPgovernment in Karnataka, had raised many eyebrows in political circles. "There is no discussion about leadership change and B S Yediyurappa will continue to be the Chief Minister. My visit to Delhi had nothing to do with politics as I was there to meet Union ministers for transport department work," Savadi, who is also Transport Minister, told *TNIE* on Wednesday.

Terming as "sheer coincidence" his Delhi visit on the day the government celebrated its first anniversary, and meeting the Governor a day before taking off to Delhi, the Deputy CM said that Union ministers Nitin Gadkari and Prakash Javadekar had given him an appointment on Monday and he had informed the Chief Minister about it on Thursday.

Pralhad Joshi and Laxman Savadi

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Pralhad Joshi, Union minister

"My meeting with the Governor was a courtesy call after his heart operation. I had sought an appointment earlier, but it was delayed as he was not meeting anyone for a few days," Savadi said. On his meeting party president JP Nadda in New Delhi, the DyCM clarified that he had gone to greet him as the party had completed one year of governance in Karnataka, and there was no discussion about cabinet expansion or any other issue.

Union minister Joshi, too, termed the speculation over leadership change as rumours. "Yediyurappa is doing a wonderful job and giving able administration. He will complete his term as CM. I don't know how the rumours spread, it could be by the media," he said.

The senior BJP leader said he was very happy working under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. "It is an opportunity and I am grateful," he said, and rubbished reports about his meeting party MLAs in Karnataka.

Sources said that after Savadi, Women and Child Welfare Minister Shashikala Jolle, too, had gone to meet party leaders in New Delhi as the party may replace some ministers, mostly from North Karnataka districts, during the cabinet reshuffle. At least two of the recently nominated MLCs are expected to make it to the cabinet, sources said, adding that MLC Bharati Shetty, who has worked for several years for the party, could replace Jolle, and disgruntled Hukkeri MLA Umesh Katti is also likely to get a look-in.

Jolle was in Delhi along with her husband Annasaheb Jolle, BJP MP from Chikkodi constituency, apparently to meet senior leaders to retain her post. Meanwhile, commenting on Savadi's visit to Delhi, Water Resources Minister Ramesh Jarkiholi is reported to have said in Belagavi, "Let Savadi become chief minister if the top position is in his fate."

CM's POST NOT VACANT: KATEEL

Hassan: Downplaying rumours of attempts to dethrone Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, BJP state president Nalin Kumar Kateel said the CM's post is not vacant. Speaking to mediapersons ahead of attending a BJP workers' meeting in Shravanabelagola on Wednesday, Kateel said no leader is lobbying for the CM's post in the party. It's nothing but mere media speculation, he said. Taking a dig at Congress leaders for politicising the Covid-19 crisis in the state, Kateel said that they have no moral right to slam the BJP as they failed to appoint doctors for primary health centres despite ruling the nation for 60 years. **ENS**

KAMAL PANT MAY REPLACE BHASKAR RAO

BALA CHAUHAN @Bengaluru

THE Bengaluru City Police is likely to have a new commissioner soon, said sources on condition of anonymity. The incumbent Police Commissioner Bhaskar Rao will complete his one-year-tenure as the top cop on August 2.

According to sources, Rao is likely to be replaced by his batchmate and Additional Director General of Police (ADGP), State Intelligence, Kamal Pant. Rao and Pant belong to the 1990 batch of the Indian Police Service.

Kamal Pant and Bhaskar Rao | EXPRESS

"Three officers are in the fray for the Bengaluru City Police Commissioner's post. Besides Pant, who is the senior most, the names of ADG, Fire & Emergency Services Sunil Agarwal (1991) and ADG, Recruitment & Training Amrit Paul (1995) are doing the rounds. Paul was promoted as ADGP in January-end, and is the junior-most among the other contenders," the source added.

"Along with the Commissioner, some other officers in the City are likely to get transferred. The list of IPS transfers is expected this weekend," the officer added.

Besides the transfers, ADGP, Internal Security Division, PS Sandhu (1989) is due for promotion as Director General of Police (DGP) on August 1. DGP, Criminal Investigation Department (CID), NS Megharikh of the 1987 batch of IPS will demit office on superannuation on July 31, which will also lead to a reshuffle of senior-most IPS officers in the state.

5 BJP MLCs to be sworn in today

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FIVE BJP MLCs - C P Yogeshwar, Adagur H Vishwanath, Bharati Shetty, Shantaram Siddi and Talwar Sahibanna - will take oath on Thursday at 11 am after a delay of four days.

They were scheduled to take oath on Monday, but it was put on hold as Chairman of the Legislative Council Prathap Chandra Shetty was indisposed and in quarantine.

Yogeshwar, a former minister, and Vishwanath, former JDS party president, who defected to the BJP along with others to bring down the HD Kumaraswamy-led government, will be sworn in as MLCs on Thursday.

The Council has 71 members as opposed to 75. There are four seats empty – two from Teachers Constituency and two from Graduates Constituency – for which elections have been postponed due to the pandemic.

ROLL CALL

Housekeeping staff at KSR Railway Station resume duties after they were assured of getting pending salaries | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

EXPRESS READ

Patients charged excess should be refunded: DKS

Bengaluru: Patients who paid extra at private hospitals should be refunded, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president DK Shivakumar said here on Wednesday. He said that since the law is applicable in Karnataka, the government should constitute a committee to look into this issue and refund patients without delay. There have been complaints that private hospitals have not reserved 50 per cent of their beds for Covid patients. There are 320 private hospitals which cumulatively have about 12,000 beds. This issue was brought to light after two bureaucrats – IAS officer Harsh Gupta and IPS officer Roopa Moudgil – went to a private hospital in RR Nagar and got Rs 24 lakh refunded to 22 patients. **ENS**

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State Bank Of India
RACPC Lalbagh Road, No.73, Bestowal,1st floor, Lalbagh Road, Sudhamanagar, Bangalore - 560027. ..... Applicant
AND
Sri. Ramesh.M. and Others .....Defendants
To
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3.Sri. N.D. Ravi S/o Sri Doraiswamy Raju, No.2, 10th Main, Vyalikaval, Bangalore - 560003
4.Sri. M.Sreenivasaiah S/o Sri Muniswamappa, Residing at Seegehalli, Bidarahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore
5.Smt. Geetha.S. D/o M.Sreenivasiah, Residing at seegehalli, Bidarahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore
Summons Issued Under Rule23(viii) of The Debt Recovery Tribunal(Procedure) Rules 1993 by Paper Publication.
Whereas the applicant has instituted the application under section 19 of The Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against you to repay the applicant bank a sum of Rs. 67,86,336/- together with current and future interest plus other charges. You are hereby summoned to appear before the tribunal in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the suit on 19/08/2020 at 11.00am.
Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned , the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and the seal of the tribunal on this 17th day of June 2020.
By Order of the Tribunal
Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-2
Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform that our proposed residential project "Arvind Bel Air" located at property bearing Sy No.52/3, situated opposite to GKVK Campus, New Town Road, Yelahanka, Doddabettahalli Village, North Bengaluru, Bengaluru 560064 has been accorded with Environmental Clearance in accordance with the provisions of the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 by the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Karnataka in consultation with State Level Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC). Copies of the Clearance letters are available with the State Pollution Control Board, and may also be accessed on the website of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change at http://www.environmentclearance.nic.in.
M/s Arvind SmartSpaces Limited, Registered office at # 24, Government Servant's Society, Behind Citibank, C.G. Road, Ahmedabad – 380009, Gujarat. Bangalore Office at Sy No.52/3, Opp GKVK Campus, New Town Road, Yelahanka, North Bengaluru, Karnataka – 560064.

PUBLIC NOTICE
I hereby give a Public Notice that my Client SMT. R. JAYALAKSHMI had executed a General Power of attorney in favour of M/s. NICKS EXPORTS PRIVATE LTD, represented by its Director Sri. Bishnu Prasad Agrawal, on 01/03/2008, with respect to the residential Site bearing No. 53, khatha No. 3046 formed in converted land bearing Sy No. 15/1 and 15/2, situated at Kammanahalli 2nd Phase, Bannerghatta Road, formed by the Customs and Central Excise House Building Co-operative Society Ltd. I hereby bring to the notice of the general public as well as M/s. NICKS EXPORTS PRIVATE LTD that my client has revoked/cancelled the said power of attorney on 23/07/2020.
G. Rangaswamy
Advocate & Tax consultant

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PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the public that State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Karnataka (Constituted by Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India) has issued the Environmental Clearance to **M/s Acebright (India) Pharma Pvt. Ltd**, vide letter No.SEIAA:32:IND:2019 dated **24.07.2020** for "Establishment of manufacturing unit of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (API's)" located at Plot No 626 to 641 and 643 to 664, Harohalli 3rd Phase KIADB Industrial Area, Kanakapura Taluk, Ramanagara District. The Environmental Clearance issued by the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Karnataka can be accessed at the web site **http://www.seiaa.karnataka.gov.in.**

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No.32, Race Course Road, Bengaluru-5600001.
Ph.No.080-22267734/22262421
Email: sbi.06198@sbi.co.in
POSSESSION NOTICE
Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)
A/c.No. CC- 38215476485
Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the State Bank of India, under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (No. 3 of 2002) issued a Demand Notice dated **05.08.2019** calling upon the borrower: **M/s.LE MERITO** and the guarantors : **1.Sri.Sameer Muhammed** S/o.Kunhammed, **2. Smt.Nadiya .T.C.** W/o Sameer Muhammed and **3.Sri.Ashraf .P.V** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.1,62,93,636/-** (Rupees One Crore Sixty Two Lakhs Ninety Three Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Six Only) as on 05.08.2019 and interest & expenses thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrower/guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on **28.07.2020**
The borrowers/guarantors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount of **Rs. 1,71,80,468/-** (Rupees One Crore Seventy One Lakhs Eighty Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Eight only) as on 27.07.2020 + interest + expenses thereon.
The borrower/ guarantor's/ mortgagor's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.
DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
SCHEDULE-A : All that piece and parcel of municipal property bearing No.1327/974/5/2/6/3, 4, 5, 6, in Ward No.4 of Chikkabommasandra Sub-Division, Yelahanka Range, BBMP, Bangalore and earlier forming Part of Sy.No.5/2, Sy.Nos.6/3, 6/4, 6/5 and 6/6 of Mandalakunte Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring 935037.78 Square feet (86867.13 Square meters) [(inclusive of Open Space, Parks and Civic Amenity areas relinquished to BDA in an extent of 233751 Square Feet, (21716 Square meters)] and bounded as follows: East by : Remaining portion of Survey No.5/2 and property bearing Survey Nos.6/1 and 6/2 of Mandalakunte and GKVK Property. West by: GKVK Property. North by: Yeshwanthpura – Yelahanka Road & then Property bearing Survey No.7 and South by: Village Border of Chikka Bommasandra Village.
SCHEDULE-B : An undivided 0.077%, equivalent to 540 square feet, in the land comprised in 'Schedule-A' property
SCHEDULE.C :A three Bedroom apartment bearing no.VQ-1102, on the eleventh floor, in Block IV, "CIMAROSA" in the Multi Storied Residential Complex known as 'PURVA VENEZIA', measuring 1353 Square Feet of Built up area (which is inclusive of balconies and utility space) and proportionate common area of 257 Square Feet (Which is inclusive of the floors, celling and walls between the Apartments and the common areas attributable thereto), together with Covered Car Parking Space. The building is RCC framed structure with vitrified tile flooring, metal windows and wooden doors connected with electricity and water supply, the apartment flat standing in the joint names of Sri.Sameer Muhammed S/o. Kunhammed and Mrs.Nadiya.T.C W/o. Sameer Muhammed.
Place : Bengaluru
Date: 28.07.2020
Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
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Race Course Road Branch, Bengaluru

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This is to inform all and whomsoever it may concern that my client is intending to purchase the schedule property from its present owner **Sri C Suresh S/o late Sri Chikkapapanna,** Aged about 41 Years, residing at No.57, 2nd Cross, Manjunatha Layout, Kattigenahalli, IAF Post, Jala Hobli, Bangalore – 560 063. Now, my client is intending to avail loan from the Banks / Financial institutions by mortgaging the schedule property.
If any other person/s has/have any manner of right, title, interest, demand, claim, charge or lien over the schedule property, they are hereby requested to file their objections to the Sale transaction & Mortgage of the said property to the Financial Institutions / Banks and shall inform/object the same in writing along with the photocopies of the documents relied for such claim/objections, through the registered post with acknowledgement due to the undersigned **within 10 days** from the date of publication of this notice.
If no valid claim/objection is received by the undersigned as aforesaid, my client shall proceed to purchase the schedule property by availing loan from the Banks / Financial Institutions by mortgaging the schedule property deeming that no one else has/have any manner of right or claim or interest whatsoever over the schedule properties.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece & parcel of the immovable property bearing Site / Property No.14, comes under property No.185/2 (e-Khatha No.15020020340062O586), (duly converted vide No.ALN(D)S.R./38/2016-17 Dated 30.05.2016, situated at Handrahalli Village, Channarayapatna Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, in all measuring East to West 25-0'ft and North to South 43-0' ft, total 1075 sq. ft. and bounded on the **East by:** Private Property, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No.13, **South by :** Site No.15.
Sd/- RAGHAVENDRA P HOGADE
Advocate, No.186/8, 1st Floor, Sirur Park Road, Behind Nataraj Theatre, Seshadripuram, Bangalore–560020.
Date : 30.07.2020 Bangalore

PUBLIC NOTICE
General Public is hereby notified that my client intends to purchase Property bearing **Southern Portion of Site No.13,** Katha No.15/2, presently bearing BBMP assigned No.15/2/13, Sl.No.2, situated at **AREHALLI VILLAGE,** Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, which is described in the schedule herein below from One **Smt. B.L. MALATHI @ MALATHI R, her daughter Kum. R. DEEKSHITHA and her husband - Sri G. RAVIKUMAR,** who have represented to be the owners. If any person/s having any objections/ claims, they may raise the same along with documentary evidence before the under mentioned within 10 days from the date of publication of this Notice, failing which my client will proceed with the transaction treating as there are no claim/s whatsoever to the schedule property.
SCHEDULE
All that piece and parcel of **Residential House Property** bearing southern portion of Site No.13, Katha No.15/2, presently bearing BBMP assigned No.15/2/13, Sl.No.2, situated at **AREHALLI** Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West 47-0 feet and North to South 20-0 feet in all measuring 940 square feet, having RCC roofing construction of House thereon; which is bounded on;
East by : Private Property
West by : Road
North by : Northern Portion of same property No.13
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Sl. No.	Event	Timelines
i.	Last date & time of receipt of bid documents (Online)	Upto17/08/2020 at 18:00 Hrs.
ii.	Last date of physical submission of Tender Fee & EMD	Upto20/08/2020 at 18:00 Hrs.
iii.	Due date for opening of Technical Bid (Part-I)	24/08/2020 at 13:00 Hrs.

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1. The following table provides a quick overview of the key activities and some important information about this RFP:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Details
1.1	RFP Reference No. 20	29/07/2020
1.2	RFP issuing Authority	Jharkhand Film Development Corporation Ltd. Government of Jharkhand, Suchana Bhawan, Ranchi.
1.3	Name of the Project	Design, Development, Implementation and Maintenance of Web Portal and Online e - Application and relevant online process with establishment and operation of related outsourced process for Jharkhand Film Development Corporation Ltd. (JFDCL)
1.4	Date of issue of tender document	29/07/2020
1.5	Last date and time of submission of RFP document	10/08/2020 at 03:00PM
1.6	Date of opening of Bids / RFP	10/08/2020 at 04:00PM
1.7	Date of Presentation	Date will be communicated after Technical Evaluation.
1.8	Validation of RFP	Proposal must remain valid for 90 days after the submission Date.
1.9	EMD	The bidders are required to submit the EMD in the form of a demand draft of Rs.1,00,000/- (One Lakh only) in favor of Jharkhand Film Development Corporation Ltd., Payable at Ranchi.
1.10	Address of communication / submission of proposal	Jharkhand Film Development Corporation Ltd. Government of Jharkhand, Suchana Bhawan, Ranchi. Tel: 0651-2281522, 0651-2282458

The Terms & Conditions and detailed copy of the RFP document should be obtained from departmental notice board or may also be downloaded from our website www.prdjharkhand.in.
Managing Director
Jharkhand Film Development Corporation Limited
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COVID-19

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The Health Department has ordered private hospitals to update data on availability of beds and number of Covid patients every 6 hrs on the Centralised Hospital Bed Management System of BBMP and the software of Suvarna Arogya Suraksha Trust, on a real-time basis

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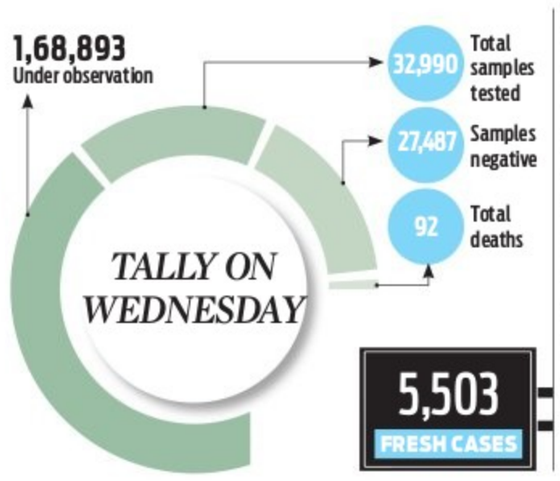
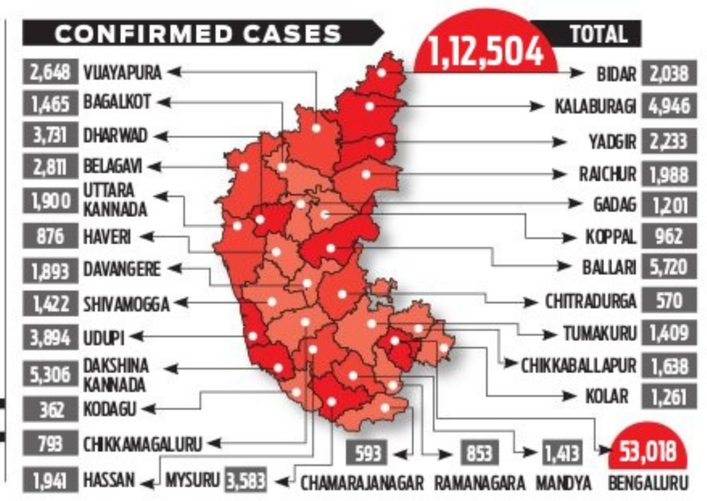




COVID WATCH

Pourakarmikas to get PPE, gumboots, masks

Benglauru: After several protests followed by the deaths of pourakarmikas, the state government has finally decided to provide them with PPE kits, gloves, gumboots and masks. "Supervisory staffers at every ward should screen the workers regularly using thermal scanners and pulse oximetres. If found unwell, they shall be subjected to swab testing and shifted to medical facilities if required," a circular issued by the State Health and Family Welfare Department said. In case of an untimely death due to Covid, they are entitled for benefits under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana or insurance scheme of the state government, the circular added. **ENS**

Covid test not needed for every death case

Bengaluru: The Health Department has directed that officials should not insist for a Covid test for every death case. Tests should only be conducted for those who had been suffering from SARI and ILI. The department also said that dead bodies should immediately be handed over to the family after swab collection, without waiting for test results. Embalming of dead bodies should not be allowed and even autopsies should be avoided, except for emergency purposes by limited forensic experts, the department said. While transporting bodies, the medical officer should provide the death certificate and test reports. **ENS**

SOP for pregnancies during Covid released

Bengaluru: The National Neonatal Forum (NNF) Karnataka chapter and UNICEF HFO have come up with an SOP booklet for antenatal, intrapartum, postnatal, and newborn care during Covid-19. Medical bodies like the Indian Medical Association, Indian Academy of Paediatrics, The Federation of Obstetric and Gynaecological Societies of India, Karnataka State Obstetrics and Gynaecology Association and Bangalore Society of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, and many experts across the world have contributed to the book. All stakeholders came online on July 24 and launched the e-book. NNF Karnataka Chapter Secretary Dr Prashanth Gowda met CM B S Yediyurappa at his office, where he unveiled and signed the hard copy of the booklet. **ENS**

SERO SURVEY WAITS FOR MINISTER'S YES

Such a study helps assess transmission, chances of herd immunity: Epidemiologists

CHETANA BELAGERE @Bengaluru

THE first round of Mumbai's serological survey is out, and initial reports indicate that the Covid-19 virus there probably reached its peak. Unfortunately, in Karnataka, though a similar survey was suggested months ago, the state government seems to be sitting on the idea.

"This survey was suggested long ago, and it's been lying with Health Minister B Sriramulu for the past two weeks for clearance. The technical Covid committee has also cleared the file, but the health minister is taking his own time," said a senior doctor on the Covid suggestion team.

In Mumbai's serological survey, researchers found Covid-19 antibodies present in 57% of participants from slums, and 16% of participants from non-slum areas. The survey was a joint effort by NITI-Aayog, the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai and Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai.

A sero survey helps identify individuals who were previously infected with the virus and have now recovered, and also indications of whether we are heading towards herd immunity.

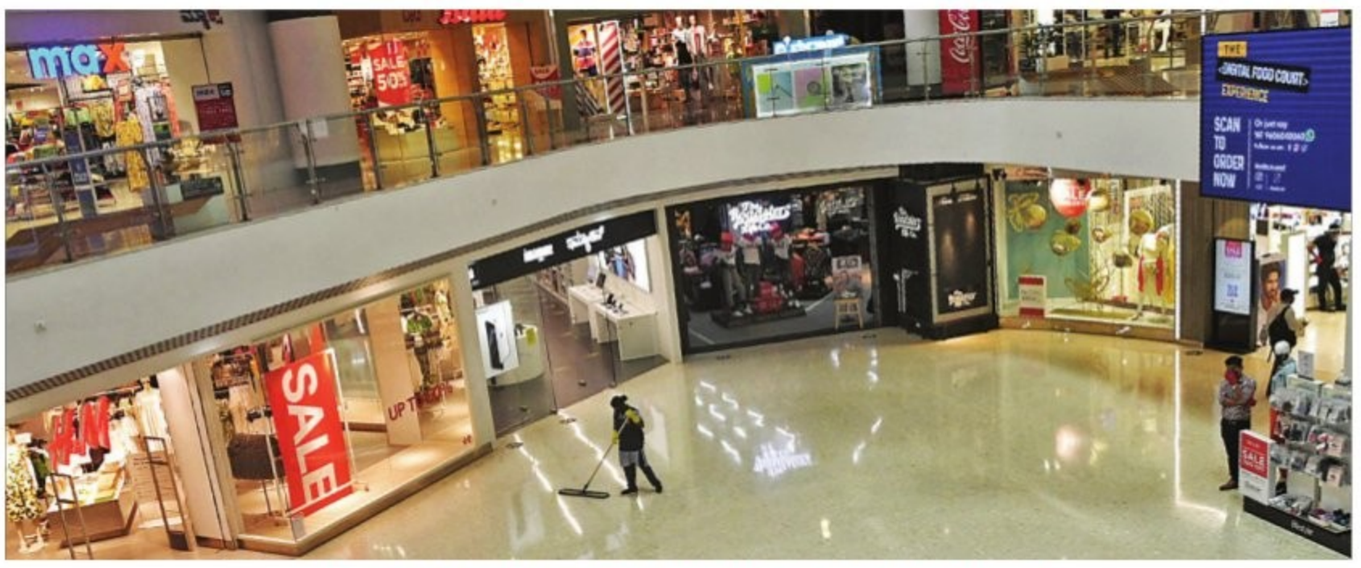
Explaining the findings, Dr Giridhara R Babu, senior epidemiologist, said, "Mumbai's latest findings in slums are among one of the highest exposure rates found globally. However, the other section of the survey shows that about 16% have developed antibodies. A recent Delhi sero survey found 23.48% of the population had developed IgG antibodies and Ahmedabad has shown about 17.6%," he said.

Most Indian metros which did the survey got results in the 17%-23% range, which reflects the background in terms of the proportion of people who have developed antibodies. "We still have about 80% of people susceptible to Covid. This needs to be understood and complacency shouldn't set in," he explained.

Interestingly, Mumbai, Ahmedabad and Delhi have already done with the sero survey, while the southern states are yet to take a decision on it.

A senior virologist from Manipal explained that the survey in Mumbai has shown a few interesting findings. "It shows that transmission pattern varies from region to region, especially from slum to a high-rise, and more such surveys will be needed to assess a pattern. Slums are very densely populated and some of our metros too have such regions, which are already proven to be infection clusters," he said.

A similar study in Karnataka's main metros could also map the transmission pattern.



NO SHOW AT THE BOX OFFICE

A worker cleans the premises of a mall in Bengaluru on Wednesday. Though multiplexes were also expected to reopen with Unlock 3.0, Bengalureans will have a long wait before they can enjoy their popcorn and flicks on the big screen | MEGHANA SASTRY

Critical shortage of intensivists in ICUs

RANJANI MADHAVAN @Bengaluru

KARNATAKA is short of intensivists, who are specialised doctors trained to work in the ICU. Experts estimate that there are only around 1,000 in the State and 15,000 in India. Right now, ICUs — mostly filled with Covid-19 patients — are mostly managed by anaesthetists as their expertise overlaps with intensivists, when it comes to duties such as operating the ventilator.

"Covid patients develop a severe form of lung injury called ARDS (Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome). These patients require a ventilator for survival. To manage such a patient, a hospital requires a very skilled intensivist. None of the medical colleges in Bengaluru have a separate critical care department, as the Medical Council of India, which governs them, has not mandated it," said Dr T R Chandrasekhar, Member, Critical Care Society, Bengaluru, and Intensivist, Institute of Gastroenterology Organ Transplant, Victoria Hospital.

There are around 500 intensivists in Bengaluru but having a separate department for them in medical colleges would have ensured us 100 more intensivists per year, he added.

There are Doctorate of Medicine courses and Diplomate of National Board courses in critical care available. Fellowships and courses in the same are also offered by the Indian Society of Critical Care Medicine.

Victoria Hospital, which comes under Bangalore Medical College, for instance, does not have a separate department for critical care and the ICUs are managed by surgical or anaesthesia departments, along with their duties in the operation theatre.

In Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Chest Diseases, there is only one in-house intensivist but as he is aged 50 plus, he has been put off Covid duty. "As we have a shortage, Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute is supplying four intensivists. The shortage is there everywhere, but more so in hospitals which are not attached to medical colleges," said Dr C N Nagaraj, Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Chest Diseases.

Private hospitals are better off having a full team of anaesthetists and intensivists as they too train them. It is because of the dearth in district government hospitals that the Critical Care Support Team was set up by the government to lend specialist access through tele-ICU to government doctors treating severely ill Covid-19 patients.

A health worker takes a break between work at a fever clinic in Bengaluru | SHRIRAM B N

B'luru cases continue to soar, cross 50K-mark

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

BENGALURU Urban has crossed the 50,000-mark in the number of Covid-positive cases after it recorded 2,270 cases on Wednesday, bringing the city's tally to 51,091.

In 29 days (July 1-July 29), Bengaluru Urban has recorded 45,801 cases and the positivity rate has stood at 21.2 per cent in the last 20 days. The number of Covid deaths in Bengaluru has also increased drastically in July. As of July 29, a total of 987 people have succumbed to the virus in the district — 890 deaths in July alone. The fatality rate in the city stands at 1.9 per cent. Though the city has recorded a total of 13,879 discharges so far, it has the lowest recovery rate among all the districts at 26.1%.

The state continues to record 5,000-plus cases in the last one week. On Wednesday, a total of 5,503 positive cases were recorded and the state's tally now stands at 1,12,504. However, a high number of discharges — 2,397 — were also reported.

On Wednesday, after Bengaluru, Ballari (338), Belagavi (279) and Davanagere (225) recorded a high number of cases. Among the 92 patients who died on Wednesday, a majority were SARI and ILI cases, and 83 of them had comorbidities such as diabetes and hypertension.

A man looks at a vending machine for masks and sanitiser installed at KSR Railway Station | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

APOLLO HOSPITAL LANDS IN SOUP AGAIN

ENS @Bengaluru

A day after Apollo Hospitals drew the ire of citizens for denying treatment to Kannada actor Sudha Rani's niece, the hospital has again landed in the soup for allegedly overcharging a Covid-19 patient.

Minister for Medical Education Dr K Sudhakar tweeted a bill from Apollo Hospital in Sheshadripuram, which showed a Covid-19 patient being charged ₹5,15,319. "I have learnt that a citizen has been put to much trouble by the hospital. We have warned the hospital several times and yet I am shocked to know that they have charged a corona patient over ₹5 lakh. I will take strict action against private hospitals which have ignored price guidelines framed by the government by overcharging," (sic), he tweeted.

The major part of the bill included ₹1,32,360 for investigation charges, ₹1,30,495 for equipment charges, ₹68,900 for room rent and ₹59,377 for IP Pharmacy.

Responding to this, Apollo Hospitals said, "In the said case, the patient has been in the hospital for the last 21 days, which includes nine days in the ICU, and the billing is as per the tariff agreed with the insurance company. At Apollo Hospitals, we maintain strict transparency and the treatment and cost of care is clearly discussed upfront with the patient and/or family."

Aftab, the patient's son, refused to comment stating that his priority is his father's health as he is still in the ICU. He said the family met the chairman and was assured of the best medical services.

ASHA workers stage a protest in Bengaluru on Wednesday | SHRIRAM B N

DyCM gives assurance, ASHA workers to take call on protests

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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HEALTH Minister B Sriramulu assured ASHA workers on Wednesday that he will talk to Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa and address their demands.

A total of 500 ASHA workers staged a protest near Maurya Circle in Bengaluru on Wednesday demanding ₹12,000 as honorarium and good quality PPE kits. At 4.30 pm, Sriramulu arrived at the protest and said he will speak to the CM about their demands.

"Sriramulu said he will fix a meeting with the CM over our demands. More than 50 ASHA workers have tested positive and we get very low wages too," said Nagalakshmi, president, Karnataka Rajya Samyuktha ASHA Karyakartheyara Sangha, affiliated to the All India United Trade Union Centre (AIUTUC).

The ASHA workers have been protesting for the last 20 days, and will hold an internal meet to decide whether they will continue with their demonstrations or not. After getting a positive response from the minister, they say will wait two days before taking a call.

During the ongoing pandemic, ASHA workers have been instrumental in conducting door-to-door surveys of people with SARI, ILI, cold, cough, fever, travel history, etc. They have also been helping with quarantining of people, collecting samples, screening at borders and airports, among other tasks.

30% deaths in Mys due to late admission

KARTHIK K K @Mysuru

OVER 35 to 40 patients who succumbed to the coronavirus in Mysuru have one thing in common — they all were rushed to the hospital at the last minute.

According to data available with TNIE, over 30 per cent of patients succumbed to Covid in the district within 24 hours of their admission to hospitals.

A closer look at the data revealed that of the total 128 deaths in the district, at least 35 to 40 patients came for the treatment very late. Meanwhile, 11 patients who were brought dead to hospitals tested positive after their nasal samples were collected for the test.

Deputy Commissioner Abhiram G Sankar said, "We have instances of those in the age group of 90 years getting cured after several days of treatment. But in many cases people having with comorbidities come at the last stage. The only way of getting out of this is to get tested on time."

He said the testing capacity in Mysuru has been increased.

EXPERT COLUMN

On the brink of collapse, pvt hospitals now in need of care

THE private healthcare sector is India's fourth largest employer, with 72 per cent of the total hospitals under it, and having 60 per cent of the total hospital beds in the country. The private sector caters to a majority of the requirements in secondary, tertiary, and quaternary care, whereas public healthcare is limited to primary care in rural areas and secondary and tertiary care in a few cities. This has helped the government, as secondary and tertiary care is cost-heavy and has a long gestation period.

Despite its role, the government has not understood what the private sector needs in terms of vision, investment or incentives. There is a significant communication gap between the government and private hospitals. While the private sector is in favour of the schemes initiated by the government, it is concerned about the future of the hospital industry as well. The sector has received a major blow in three aspects - price capping that is detrimental to investments in R&D and expansion of facilities, low GDP expenditure by the government in this industry, and unfair exemptions from taxes/ GST.

Many hospitals are on the verge of closure due to a lack of support from the government. The government is party to the profits made by hospitals, but the private sector has been abandoned in its time of need.

During the ongoing pandemic, the private sector has stepped in in a huge way, with medical and paramedical workers risking their lives for the people of the nation. The Finance Minister has not provided any support to the industry in coping with the pandemic, but the government has not held back in asking for help in fighting Covid.

Dr B S Ajaikumar
Chairman, HCG Oncology

There needs to be a proper dialogue between the government and the private hospital industry on how to address the latter's struggles through this pandemic. There is already a dearth of healthcare workers, and with the number of staffers getting infected only increasing, hospitals are in a fix.

Specialised hospitals need to be more cautious as they are already dealing with patients with various comorbidities. The government should strategise, and allow only multi-specialty hospitals to treat Covid patients. These specialised hospitals have immuno-compromised patients and taking in even one Covid patient would risk the lives of numerous others. Also, today, with hospitals seeing reduced footfall, pay cuts have become inevitable.

The government should reconsider the pricing cap, and consult hospitals before taking a call on such matters. We need to work hand-in-hand to fight this disease, but the private hospital industry's hands are tied if it's on the brink of collapse. Unfortunately, this time, it's the hospitals that need care.

Co-authored by Dr B S Ajaikumar, chairman, HCG Oncology; and Mevish P Vaishnav, vice president, Policy, HCG

Patients who have been charged excess by private hospitals, ignoring the rule that came into effect from June 23 that 50 per cent of all private hospital beds should be reserved for Covid patients, should be refunded, KPCC president DK Shivakumar said here on Wednesday

CHASING CRIMINALS

CCB busts drug network between pubs, DJs, peddlers

Management will be held responsible

Home Minister Basavaraja Bommai, who conducted the press meet, warned that management of schools, colleges and hostels will be held responsible if there any incidents of drug supply in their campuses. "We will hold a meeting soon with representatives from educational institutions and ask them to take all steps to eradicate drug menace. They will also warned that they will be held responsible if any such cases are reported in school, college and hostel premises".

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CENTRAL Crime Branch (CCB sleuths have unearthed a nexus between pubs, DJs and drug peddlers, and arrested four peddlers working for DJs recently.

They seized narcotic substances worth Rs 1.25 crore. Investigations revealed that the accused used the dark web to import drugs such as LSD, MDMA and ecstasy tablets.

The accused are Shahad Mohammed (24), Azmal K Moideen Koya (22), both from Calicut in Kerala, Ajin KG Vargese (21) and Nithin Mohan (29) from Pathanamthitta district of Kerala.

Police said they have found clues about the supply of drugs and were probing the case.

They found that the accused had stored drugs at a house in Chikkabanavara in Soladevanahalli police station limits. They raided the house and arrested the four accused.

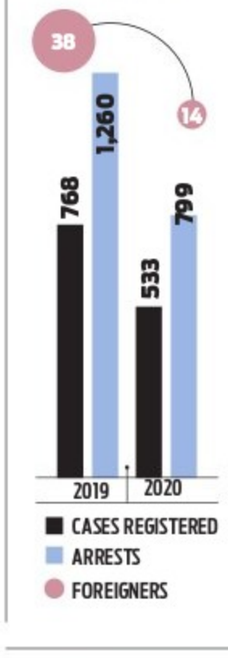
"We seized a huge stash of imported narcotic substances worth Rs 1.25 crore from the house, including 2,000 LSD strips, 110 grams of MDMA crystals, 10 ecstasy tablets and 5 kg of ganja. Five mobiles phones, a weighing machine and empty sachets were also seized," Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime) Sandeep Patil said. Investigations revealed that the accused had a nexus with DJs from Kerala, working in well-known pubs in the city.

"It is established that the some of the DJs themselves imported drugs through the dark web. The four accused were working as sub-drug peddlers for the kingpins, who are currently absconding. At their behest, the accused supplied drugs to various pubs and individual customers in Bengaluru, Goa, Mumbai and other metropolitan cities," the police said.

"The absconding accused, who performed in pubs, made friends with regular customers and built their customer base. They supplied them with drugs at pubs and also outside, after receiving payments via online channels," the police added.

The police are on the lookout for the other accused involved in the case, and are also gathering information on pubs from where the accused would supply drugs.

Cases & arrests for drug peddling



2 YRS ON, DEF ANCILLARY FIRM WAITS FOR PLOT

ADD Engineering sought a site in the Nelamangala Industrial Estate, but was offered one in Gauribidanur

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

IN the past one year, the State government has taken a number of policy decisions to woo investors, but the lack of a proactive approach by the bureaucracy still seems to be a concern.

A defence components manufacturing company that provides high-end cutting tools to many projects, including Hindustan Aeronautics Limited's (HAL) Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) project, has applied for a small plot in Nelamangala Industrial Estate to establish its manufacturing unit, and is waiting since 2018.

"We have been waiting for the allotment for the past two years," said ADD Engineering Components (India) Private Limited Director Girish Linganna. "We have received several communications from neighbouring state Andhra Pradesh, inviting us to establish our facility there, but are keen on having it in Karnataka.

Unfortunately, we are not getting the required support from the authorities," he said.

ADD Engineering Components (India) Private Limited is a subsidiary of ADD Engineering GMBH, Germany, and its application is pending with the Karnataka Small Scale industrial Development Corporation (KSSIDC). Such an inordinate delay can send a wrong message to foreign investors.

When contacted, a senior officer at KSSIDC admitted to the delay and attributed it to a legal issue. The official also said that not just ADD Engineering Components, but applications by many other firms too are pending due to the legal issues they are trying to sort out. The official, however, expressed helplessness on giving a timeline to resolve the issue, and facilitate setting up of manufacturing units. "We can give them a plot in Gauribidanur," the official told *The New Indian Express*.

However, for a company that works with defence PSU HAL, such a suggestion to establish the unit far from Bengaluru is as good as rejecting its request. Girish said if not at Nelamangala Industrial Estate, KSSIDC can allot a plot in a place close to the city as it will help them be closer to defence manufacturing hubs.

Now adopt zoo animals, contribute online

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru

To help people contribute to zoos across the state, a mobile application 'Zoos of Karnataka' was launched in the city on Wednesday. Forest Minister Anand Singh and scion of erstwhile Mysuru royal family Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar launched the app virtually.

The Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) launched the app after a lot of people asked how they could help in conserving zoos across the state, which have been severely hit by the Covid-19 pandemic and the lockdown as people stopped visiting them, depriving them of revenue. Zoos are finding it difficult to pay staffers their salaries and to take care of animals.

Mysuru District Minister ST Somashekar recently mobilised Rs 3.5 crore through his constituency and followers to aid Mysuru Zoo. However, there was no facility to make contributions online, so ZAK came up with the app. Singh virtually launched the app by adopting a tigress, 'Sindhu', of Hampi Zoo. Meanwhile, Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar appreciated ZAK's initiative of going digital and assured authorities of any assistance in future.

The Sambar and spotted deer at Dammanakatte range in Nagarahole National Park during showers on Wednesday | UDAYSHANKARS

POLL MACHINATIONS

HDK: Cong didn't want Kharge as CM in 2018

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

FORMER chief minister H D Kumaraswamy on Wednesday accused Congress leaders in Karnataka of not accepting the JDS' suggestion to make senior leader Mallikarjun Kharge the chief minister after the 2018 Assembly elections.

"After the poll results were out, at a meeting attended by state and central leaders of the Congress, Deve Gowda had suggested that Kharge should be made the CM, but it was stopped by Congress leaders. Let them find out who those Congress leaders are," Kumaraswamy said. He took to social media platforms to hit back at the state Congress unit that accused him of criticising the party that had helped him form the government.

No party had secured a majority in the 2018 polls to form the government and the Congress-JDS coalition government headed by Kumaraswamy was formed after the polls. He said the Congress high command and state leaders had forced him to take up the CM's post and started putting pressure on him. He said the Congress wanted to use him for their strategy, but he took up the post as he wanted to protect farmers by announcing a loan waiver.

3 attempt to exchange demonetised notes, held

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JALAHALLI police arrested three men for allegedly trying to exchange demonetised currency and seized notes worth ₹30 lakh.

Police said they were tipped off about a transaction involving demonetised notes on HMT Service Road and nabbed Kiran Kumar V (32), Praveen Kumar BR and Pawan Kumar (24). Police found demonetised notes of Rs 1,000 denomination amounting to ₹30 lakh in their car.

"During interrogation, they revealed that the money belonged to Hanumanthegowda of Malagala and Rajashekhar of Vijayanagar. They were asked to exchange the old notes and approached people to buy them against 10% of the value and had assured them another 30% cut by converting the notes to new currency using their contacts in the RBI. We have registered a case and have informed the agencies concerned," police said.

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TENDER NOTICE

The Food Corporation of India invites e-Tenders on "Two-Bid System" from the interested parties for Appointment of regular handling and transport contract for movement of food grains and allied materials etc. For following depots.

Sl. No	Name of the Depot	Tender Cost (incl. of tax)	EMD	Value of Contract
1	Salem Junction Goodshed to FSD Salem and vice versa for a period of two years	Rs.590/-	Rs.15,01,000 /-	Rs.7.50,50,000/-
1	Thiruvanamalai Goodshed to PEG Thiruvanamalai and vice versa for a period of two years	Rs.590/-	Rs. 21,22,000/-	Rs.10.61,00,000 /-

Download of Tenders w.e.f 30.07.2020 10AM. Last date for receipt of tenders 19.08.2020 up to 2.00 PM and Opening of Technical Bids at 3.00 PM on 20.08.2020.
Detailed Tender Notice and Bid document shall be seen and / or down loaded from website www.fci.gov.in and https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app and payment of Cost of Tender and EMD by RTGS/iNEFT.
General Manager (TN)

Director General of Police and Director General,
KARNATAKA STATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES
No.1, Annaswamy Mudaliar Road, Bengaluru - 560 042.

No: STS/148/2019-20 Date: 28.07.2020

SHORT TERM RE-TENDER ABSTRACT NOTIFICATION

Tenders are invited through e-procurement for **supply of 200 Nos. of Breathing Apparatus Set** as per department specifications for the Karnataka State Fire and Emergency Services Department, Bengaluru.

Eligible suppliers are requested to participate through e-Procurement only.

Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Helpdesk: **080-25501216/227**

Last date & time of tender queries: **01.08.2020 upto 16:00 hrs.** Last date & time of submission of tender: **08.08.2020 upto 15:00 hrs.** Date & time of opening of technical bid: **10.08.2020 at 16:00 hrs.** Date & time of opening of financial bid: **Will be intimated.**

Sd/-
Deputy Inspector General of Police and Tender Inviting Officer,
Karnataka State Fire & Emergency Services.

DIPR/DDU/674/MAA Comm/2020-21

Government of Karnataka
Office of The Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Haveri
No. EE/PREDn/HVR/PB-2/Tender/2020-21/1923 Date:23-07-2020

E-Procurement Tender Notification

The Panchayat Raj Engineering Department through Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Haveri on behalf of Governor of Karnataka invites the E-Portal Tender as per KW-3 from the eligible and approved Class-1 Contractors registered with P.R.E.D. and registered for e-Procurement for the following including their maintenance for one year under 5054 scheme. Details can also be obtained in www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in

(1) Niralagi to Kerekoppa cross road in Haveri Tq (Indent No. 79973) (2) Koradur Icchangi main road to Handiganur Melmuri road in Haveri Tq (Indent No. 79970) (3) Yalagach to Hosaritti road in Haveri Tq (Indent No. 79928)

(1) Last date for Receipt of completed tender documents through online : **24-08-2020** up to 4.00 PM (2) Date of technical bid opening (if possible) : **25-08-2020** @ 05.00 PM (3) Date of Financial bid opening (if possible) : **28-08-2020** @ 11.00 AM

More details can be taken from the office of the undersigned during working hours and also through the E-portal website www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in by clicking List of Tenders which will link to all departments.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Haveri

DIPR/HVR/MCA/111/2020-21

Government of Karnataka
WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT
Advanced Centre for Integrated Water Resources Management (ACIWRM)
1/1, First Floor, KSFC Bhavan, Thimmaiah Road, Bengaluru-560052

No.: ACIWRM/CE/MP/2020-21/1 Date:28.07.2020

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

Government of Karnataka, Advanced Centre for Integrated Water Resources Management (Water Resources Department) invites percentage tenders from eligible Contractor/Agency for **"Supply of Manpower Personnel of different category to ACIWRM, Bengaluru".** For more details please visit e-Procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from **31st July 2020.** Tenders should be submitted electronically only through e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** . Interested Contractor/ Agency will need to register on the e-procurement portal to participate. The details are also available on **www.waterresources.kar.nic.in** and **www.aciwrm.org** Any clarification can be sought at the following mail ID **registrar@aciwrm.org**

Sd/- Registrar / Chief Engineer
ACIWRM, Bengaluru

DIPR/DDU/671/2020-21

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BID NOTIFICATION

Tender are invited through e-Procurement Portal from agencies for the following works:

SL NO.	Name of the work	Tender Notification No.
1.	Supply, Erection, Testing and Commissioning of H2 Gas Online Leakage Monitoring System for 1X500MW of Unit-2 and 1X700MW of Unit-3	KPCL/2020-21/PS/WORK_ INDENT 10158/CALL-2 Dated: 24.07.2020
2.	Supply of Hydrogen & Nitrogen Gas (Refilling in KPCL Cylinders), Testing and Servicing of Gas Cylinders required for maintenance of Generator and Auxiliaries of 2x500MW and 1x700MW Units at BTPS for a period of Three Months (2020-21)	KPCL/2020-21/PS/WORK_ INDENT 10231/CALL-2 Dated: 27.07.2020

Last date & time for submission of completed bids in all respects is on or before for Sl No.01: 04.08.2020 & for Sl No.02: 03.08.2020 upto 16:00 hrs. For more details please visit **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** Further details can be had from office of **The Executive Engineer (GM)**, BTPS, KPCL, Kudithini-583152, Bellary District., Karnataka. Mobile: +91 - 9448290555.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Mr. N. Narayana Reddy aged about 83 years s/o Late Mr.Dodda Nanjundappa, Residing at Kugur village and post, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal taluk Bangalore dist-562125 Karnataka has irretrievably lost the original registered sale Deed dated 16-05-1982 in respect of schedule property registered as document No.421/82-83 page 230-232 volume 1338 of book 1.Dt 16-05-1982 in the office of SRO Anekal between Mr.K.R. Sampangi Ramaiah and Mr.N.Narayana Reddy while returning back from bike Sarjapura to Kugur he lost the original sale Deed Documents folder on 17-07-2020 at around 4.00 P.M. and has lodged a police complaint at Sarjapura police station on 24-07-2020 under Acknowledgement petition No.373/1334/2020 issued by the Sarjapura police station Bangalore.

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STATEMENT OF UNAUDITED STANDALONE & CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER ENDED 30TH JUNE 2020

(Rs. in Crores)

S. No	Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated		
		Quarter ended		Year ended	Quarter ended		Year ended
		30.06.2020	30.06.2019	31.03.2020	30.06.2020	30.06.2019	31.03.2020
		(Unaudited)		(Audited)	(Unaudited)		(Audited)
1	Total income	1,434.32	4,469.82	16,455.44	1,946.35	5,026.27	18,901.14
2	Net Profit / (Loss) (before Tax, Exceptional items)	(189.60)	208.51	786.74	(240.87)	231.53	905.75
3	Net Profit / (Loss) before tax (after Exceptional items)	(189.60)	208.51	754.41	(240.87)	231.53	865.42
4	Net Profit / (Loss) after tax (after Exceptional items)	(139.07)	142.30	592.25	(182.79)	151.24	646.80
5	Total Comprehensive Income / (Loss) for the period [Comprising Profit / (Loss) for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income/(Loss) (after tax)]	(101.52)	126.81	474.02	(133.90)	135.16	536.71
6	Equity share capital (Face value of Re.1/- each)	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	-	-	3570.58	-	-	3234.59
8	Earnings Per Share (Face value of Re. 1/- each) (not annualised)						
	(i) Basic (in Rs.)	(2.93)	3.00	12.47	(3.78)	3.08	13.15
	(ii) Diluted (in Rs.)	(2.93)	3.00	12.47	(3.78)	3.08	13.15

Note:

The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the financial results are available on the Stock Exchange websites (www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com) and on Company's website (www.tvsmotor.com).

Place : Chennai
Date : 29th July 2020

For TVS Motor Company Limited
Sd/-
Chairman

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PWP & IWT DEPT. DIVISION, VIJAYAPUR.
I.F.T.No:EE/PWP&IWTD/VJP/PB/Nabard RIDf-25/2020-21/883 Dated:24.07.2020

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Two Cover System) (4th Call) (E-Procurement)

The- **Executive Engineer, PWP & IWT Dept. Division, Vijayapur** Invites tenders from eligible tenderers (registered in Public Works, Ports and Inland Water Transport Department) for 1 work as per standard bid documents KW-3 with Nabard R.I.D.F-25 head of account, **costing of amount for Rs. 72.00 Lakhs, the EMD amount of Rs.1,44,000.00 for the works.** For above works G.S.T amount will be paid to the Contractor seperately and Increase in G.S.T shall not be paid in the extended period of Contract for which the contractor alone is responsible for delay as detarmaind by the authority while granting the extension of time. The calendar events of tenders, dates are fixed as follows **1)** Last Date for Receipt of Tenders **Date:07.08.2020** upto 4.30 PM. **2) Opening of Technical Bid Date:10.08.2020** at 11.00 AM. **3) Opening of Financial Bid Date:11.08.2020** at 11.00 AM. Clause-3 Conditions of Standard Bid Document may be seen in Departmental Website i.e "eproc.karnataka.gov.in" and for more information may contact help desk Bangalore (Phone No. 918025501216 & 918025501227) or office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWP&IWT Dept.Dn, Vijayapur
ಬಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ವಿಜಯಪುರ/ಆರ್.ಪಿ.ಸಂ.199/ಎಂಃಪಿ/2020–21

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Avenue Road Branch
Pooja Complex, 583/584,
Avenue Road, Bangalore 560002.

Ref: AVN/CR/REC/1-2020-21 Date. 10/07/2020

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SEC.13 (2)

TO:
Mr Thippesh Naik Mrs. Sakku Bai No. 36 1st Main, 9th Cross BHEL Layout Chikkanahalli, Muneshwara Layout. Near Sambarama Collage Bangalore 560097
Sir/Madam,
SUB : Enforcement of Security Interest Action Notice- In connection with the credit facilities enjoyed by you with us-Classified as NPA

We have to inform you that your accounts **Mr Thippesh Naik and Mrs. Sakku bai** with **Avenue road branch** has been classified as NPA account pursuant to your default in making repayment of dues/interest. As on **30.06.2020.** a sum of **Rs. 57,74,139.36** (Rupees fifty seven lakhs seventy four thousand one hundred thirty nine and paise thirty six only) is outstanding in your account as shown below: **(As on 30.06.2020)**

Nature.	Amount	O/S. in R.L as on **30.06.2020**	Int in D.L.	Total
. TERM LOAN (Union Home)	**60,80,000/-**	**55,45,915.00**	**2,28,224.36**	**57,74,139.36**
TOTAL	**60,80,000/-**	**55,45,915.00**	**2,28,224.36**	**57,74,139.36**

In spite of our repeated demands you have not paid any amount towards the amount outstanding in your account/ you have not discharged your liabilities.

We do hereby call upon you in terms of section 13 (2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 to pay a sum **Rs. 57,74,139.36 (Rupees fifty seven lakhs seventy four thousand one hundred thirty nine and paise thirty six only)**) in housing loan together with interest at contractual rate as per the terms and conditions of loan documents executed by you and discharge your liabilities in full within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice, failing which, we shall be constrained to enforce the following securities created by you in favour of the bank by exercising any or all of the rights given under the said Act:

DESCRIPTION OF THE SECURED ASSET:

All that Piece and Parcel of residential property bearing No 36 formed out of Converted Sy No 40/7 (converted from agricultural to non- agricultural residential purpose vide conversion Order No ALN(NY) SR 216/2013-14, dated 19/02/2014 issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru) situated at Chikkabettahalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, presently under BBMP khata No. 40/7/36, Ward No 3, measuring East to West 40 ft and North to South 25ft totally measuring 1000 sqft and bounded on : East by Site No 35, West by Road, North by Site No 37, South by Private Property. With 700sqft Ground Floor, 900 sqft First Floor and 900 sqft Second Floor residential building Constructed Bricks and Cement walls, RCC Roofing, Mosaic Flooring, Honne Wood doors and windows with all civic amenities.

1] Please note that if you fail to remit the dues within 60 days and if the Bank exercises all its rights under this Act and if the dues are not fully satisfied with the sale of the proceeds of the secured assets, we shall be constrained to take appropriate legal action against you in a court of law/Debt Recovery Tribunal for recovery of the balance amount from you.

2] you are hereby put on notice and your attention is invited to the provision of SARFAESI Act that as per Section 13 (8) of the Security Interest Act, 2002 read with rule 3 (5) of Security Interest (Enforcement)(Amendment) Rules, 2002, you can tender the amount of dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the secured creditor at any time before the date of publication of the notice for public auction or inviting quotations or tenders from public or private treaty for transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale of the secured assets. Please also note that if the amount of dues together with the costs, charges and expenses incurred by the secured creditor is not tendered before the date of publication of notice for transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale of the secured assets by public auction or by inviting quotation or tender from public or private treaty as stated above, you shall not be further entitled to redeem the secured assets(s).

3] You are requested to note that as per Section 13(13) of the Act, on receipt of this notice you are restrained/ prevented from disposing of or dealing with the above securities except in the usual course of business without the consent of the bank. Please also note that any violation of this section entails serious consequences.

Date: 29.07.2020
Place: Bangalore

Authorised Officer
Union Bank Of India

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to the information of General Public that, my client contracted to purchase the schedule property from B.R. Prakash, Geetha Prakash and Amit Prakash, all at No. 1, 1st Main Road, N.R. Colony, Bengaluru.

Any body having any right, interest or claim on the schedule property shall intimate the same to the undersigned in writing in a period of 10 (Ten) days from the date of this Notification.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of property bearing BBMP Katha No. 37, PID No. 51-14-37, 1st Main Road, N.R. Colony, Bengaluru with RCC Construction measuring East to West: 60 Feet and North to South: 40 Feet and bounded on:

East by : First Main Road,
West by : Private Property,
North by : 3rd Cross Road,
South by : Private Property

K.T. DAKAPPA, Advocate
at No. 64/1, SM Plaza, 1st Floor,
DVG Road, Basavanagudi,
Bengaluru-560 004.
Date: 29-07-2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby put to notice that my client intends to purchase the Schedule Property from its original owners namely Sri Chandrappa S/o Jyothappa and their family members, R/a Mayasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District.

Any person/s having any manner of claim, right, title, interest & possession over the schedule property are hereby required to register their claim with documentary proof to the undersigned within 5 days from the Publication of this notice. If no objections or claims registered during the said period, my client shall proceed and complete the sale transaction. Any claims received beyond 5 days shall not be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of the property bearing Old Sy.No.144 and New Sy.No.144/2, measuring 1 acre, situated at Halehalli Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban Dist., bounded on:-

East by : Road,
West by: Land of M.B. Muniswamy,
North by: Land of Padma,
South by: Land of Thyagaraju.

G. NARAYANAPPA, Advocate
Off.: # 4, 1st Floor, Yallappa Building, Newpet, Anekal Town, Bangalore Dist.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients intend to purchase the below mentioned schedule property from Sri T.Raju claiming to be the absolute owners in possession and occupation of the schedule property. On verification of the title deeds, no subsisting encumbrance is found and if Any Persons/institutions or any person claiming any right, title or interest or claims over the schedule property may lodge their claims with documents with the undersigned within 15 days from today failing which my clients shall consider that there are no subsisting claims/ encumbrances in respect of the schedule property and shall continue to deal with the schedule property thereto.

SCHEDULE

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL all that piece and parcel of site bearing No 2492 in layout formed in Sy no 91 of Hemmigepura by BDA situate at BSK 6TH PHASE, 3RD Block, Bangalore measuring East to west 12.00 mtrs, north to south 9.00 meters totally measuring 108.00 mtrs and bounded on

East by : Site no 2597 & 2598
West by : Road
North by : Site no 2491
South by : Site no 2493

B.S. RAGHU PRASAD, Advocate
No.11/1, 1st floor Patalamma Temple St., Basavanagudi, Bangalore-04.
Bangalore, Dt. 29.07.2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client is intending to purchase the agricultural land mentioned in schedule hereunder from its owners Smt. Narayanamma, W/o late N. Muniyappa, Smt. Amrutha .M, Smt. Sheela, Sri Ranganath .N.M and Sri Vishwanath .M, all are children of late N.Muniyappa, all are residing at Nerlaghatta village, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura-561 203. Hence, the public in general and in particular, any persons, any Banks, Financial Institutions, Authorities or anybody have any claims on the schedule property are hereby requested to register their objections if any for the proposed purchase by my client with supporting documents in the following address within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. If there no objections registered within the stipulated time with supporting document my client would precede further to purchase the schedule property as if there are no claims or objections and the property mentioned in the schedule hereunder is free from all encumbrances. The claims registered thereafter will not be entertained.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing survey number 11/4 measuring 1 acre 09 guntas, situated at Neralaghatta village, Kasaba Hobli, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. This property is bounded on:

EAST BY : Land belongs to Indiramma and Kumar and presently Road,
WEST BY : Land belongs to Ramanjaneya and others and presently Road,
NORTH BY: Land belongs to K.Sudhakar and
SOUTH BY: Land belongs to Thimmegowda

Address: **B.N. SURESH BABU,** Advocate,
No.310, III Floor, II Main,
Kurubrasangha Building, Gandhinagar,
Bangalore-09. +91 9900 10 5545

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the general public that our client Sri.C.Ashwathnarayana S/o. Late. Chinnappa; R/at. 1st Main, Siddhartha Layout, Kadugudi, Bangalore-560067, Mob No. 9448701416, have lost the original Sale deed, Dated 28/11/2012, registered as document No. BDH-1-05008/2012-13, Book-1, stored in CD bearing No.BDHD92, registered in the office of Sub registrar Bidarahalli, Bangalore, on 10/7/2020, executed by Sri. Veeraswamy Reddy, in respect of below mentioned schedule property.

Any person found the said sale deed they may contact at the address mentioned above. In this regard my client lodged a complaint at Kadugudi police station. Bangalore.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that part and parcel of site bearing property No. 192/1, Katha No. 192/1, measuring East to West 33 feet North to South (16+26) / 2, totally measuring 693 Sq.Fts, situated at Kadugudi, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, presently comes under the administration of BBMP, Bangalore-560067 and bounded on.

East by: Property belonging to Smt.Geetha, West by: Property belonging to Smt.Noori Begum, North by: Property belonging to Sri.C.Ashwathnarayana, South by: Property belonging to Sri.K.S.Ananth.

K.N. Girish Kumar, Advocate
KNG Law House, Yellareddy Circle Main Road, Kadugudi, Bangalore-560067.
Place: Bangalore Date: 29/7/2020

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

OPEN TENDER NOTICE No: 09/SBC/20
Date: 27.07.2020.

The undersigned on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work:

Tend Sch. Ref.	Description of Work	Approx value (In Rupees)
1	Proposal for water pumping arrangements in water stagnation RUBs of DEN / North for a period of 2 years.	**Rs. 16,69,464/-**
2	Name of work:- ADEN/YPR Section - YPR-Pro Cleaning & Maintenance of existing sewer lines in staff quarters, service building, pit lines @ YPR, BAW, GHL, DBL, NDV, HHL, KIAT, TK, MLSA, GUB, NTR, SPGR, YNK, CSDR, RNN, CBP & IDT etc., for a period of 24 months. (Mechanized method).	**Rs. 22,97,800/-**
3	Proposed surfacing of approach roads at level crossings in ADEN/BWT sub division. (Period of completion 4 months).	**Rs. 28,06,816/-**
4	Bangalore & Bangalore cantonment- Cleaning of GLR, OHT, Sumps, PVC & RCC tanks for staff quarters, service building & other miscellaneous works.(Period of completion 24 months).	**Rs. 27,90,948/-**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients **Mrs. RAMYA SINDHURI MYLAVARAPU & Mr. SANKARANARAYANAN .S** are intending to purchase the schedule property from its owners **1) M/s SRUSHTI DEVELOPER/ BUILDER/ PROMOTERS, 2) MR. SHESHAPPA, 3) MR. RAJENDRA BABU A V, 4) MR. ASHOK KUMAR A V, 5) MR. S MANJUNATHA** and from the developers **M/s. SANJEEVINI PROPERTIES PRIVATE LIMITED** for a valid sale consideration. If any persons having any claims, right, title, interest, whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing, within TEN days from the date of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title or interest by anybody and my clients will proceed with the completion of sale transaction and will get register the absolute sale deed of the schedule property in their names.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Three bed rooms Flat bearing **No.A 504, on 5th Floor,** in **"A" Block, with 1400 Sq. Ft** of super built up area, with one covered car parking in the basement of the residential apartment Project known as **"SANJEEVINI VAIBHAV"** to be constructed on the converted land measuring to an extent of 1 Acre 5 ⅓ Guntas in Sy. No. 167, Old Sy No. 42, situated at Pattandura Agrahara Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore duly converted for residential purpose vide official memorandum passed by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District in **ALN (EKHW) SR 53 /2017-18** dated 19/03/2018, with **503.85 Sq feet** of undivided right, title and interest in the land. The entire land is bounded on;

East by : Portion of land in same Sy No. 167 measuring ¾ Gunta for proposed 24 Mtrs Road widing and remaining portion of same survey number 167 converted vide orders ALN(EKHW)SR/48/17-18 ALN(EKHW)SR/49/17-18, ALN(EKHW)SR/50/17-18, LN(EKHW)SR/51/17-18 and ALN(EKHW)SR/52/17-18,
West by : Land in Sy No. 42,
North by : Portion of land in same Sy No. 167 converted vide order ALN(EKHW)SR/43/17-18,
South by : Portion of land in same Sy No. 167 converted vide orders ALN(EKHW)SR/47/17-18, ALN(EKHW)SR/52/17-18

V.N. SIMHA, Advocate
No.38/15, WAT Street, Basavanagudi,
Bangalore-560 004. Ph: 9845549487
Date: 29-07-2020

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client Sri. Narendra Babu.B S/o B.N.Basappa has negotiated to purchase the 13-10 Acre land situated in Bangalore South Taluk, Kengeri Hobli, Kambhipura Village, Sy No.43 from its owner Sri. C.Ranga Rao S/o Late Venkata Rao and 10-00 Acre land from its owner Sri. Hariharan.K S/o Late K.Umapathi. Anyone claiming objections/claims if any to the proposed sale transaction in respect of schedule properties may be lodged with the undersigned within 7 (Seven) days from hereof, failing which our client shall finalize the sale transaction on the basis of where as it is condition.

Sri. Raghvendra Gowda, Advocate
No.20, 6th Cross, 8th Main, Vasantha Nagar, Bangalore 560 052.
Mobile No.90361 52784, Date: 30.07.2020.

KSEB KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED - E –TENDER NOTICE

Office of the Chief Engineer, Generation & PED-Thiruvananthapuram

Tender ID: 2020_KSEB_374035_ 1*Supply ,Erection , Testing and Commissioning of Governor , Excitation, DCS and Protection panels for 1x30MW +1x10MW Thottiyar Hydro Electric Project * PAC : Rs.18,40,07,312/- * Last Date : 29-08-2020

Visit www.etenders.kerala.gov.in & www.kseb.in Ref. PR/MC1/ E 217/E-Tender/2020

THE TAMILNADU COOPERATIVE TEXTILE PROCESSING MILLS LTD., CH.22

Post Bag No.4 No.428, BHAVANI MAIN ROAD, ERODE-638 004
Phone: (0424) 2293907 Fax: (0424) 2293528 E-mail: tctpmill2015@gmail.com

Ref No: A/O/NCDC/II/ 356 /2017 **TENDER NOTICE** Dated: 30.07.2020

Sealed Tenders in a two-bid (two cover) system are invited from the interested Manufacturers, Authorised Agents, State/Central Government undertakings for Supply, Erection, Commissioning of Cheese Dyeing Machinery-(700Kg-1 No,500Kg-1 No,300Kg-1 No,10Kg-1 No Capacity /Batch) (Fully Automatic except 10 Kg Capacity), Hydro Extractor-30Kg-2 Nos, Room Dryer-1500Kg/batch-1 No, Cone Winding Machine-480 Drum, Cheese Winding Machine-480 Drum with required Plastic tubes, Hoist and crane 5 ton capacity, Setting up of Softening Plant & Laboratory And Booster Pump With Motor & Housing (Pressure vessels) for RO in the Tamilnadu Co-operative Textile Processing Mills Ltd., Erode, Tamilnadu in accordance with terms and conditions detailed in the Tender Schedule. The filled in Tenders should be submitted in two cover system i.e. Technical Bid & Price Bid separately enclosed in a single cover and to sent in a sealed cover superscribed as **"TENDER FOR SUPPLY,ERECTION AND COMMISSIONING OF CHEESE DYEING & ALLIED MACHINERY IN TCTP MILLS ERODE"** to Office of the TCTP Mills, Erode **on or before 28.08.2020 AT 11.00 AM** along with the required documents and E.M.D as noted in the tender schedule uploaded in the website as noted below. The Tender document containing the Technical Specifications and Terms and Conditions can be had in person from the Office of the TCTP Mills, Erode **from 30.07.2020 to 28.08.2020 up to 10.30 AM** by remitting the cost of Rs.5,000/- (including GST) by Demand Draft/cash. For getting tender documents by post, Demand Draft for Rs.5,100/- (including GST) drawn in favour of "The Tamilnadu Co-operative Textile Processing Mills Ltd.," payable at Erode along with requisition letter to be sent. The tender documents can also be downloaded from the Tamilnadu Government website **www.tenders.tn.gov.in** at free of cost. The Tender Technical bids will be opened in the Office of the TCTP Mills, Erode on **28.08.2020 AT 12.00 Noon.** The Tender Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on **21.08.2020 at 11.00 AM** at Office of the TCTP Mills, Erode.

DIPR/2851/TENDER/2020 **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

Government of Karnataka

(Department of Ports & Inland Water Transport)
Office of the Marine Engineer, Department of Ports & IWT, Baithkhol, Karwar- 581302

NO.ME/GNL/CR-04/2020 Date: 28.07.2020

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST / Call-2

Rates Quotations in sealed cover/e-procurement are invited by the undersigned from the reputed, bonafide, resourceful & experienced firms/contractors who are having similar nature of work experience for the details mentioned below for **"Supply of boats & Manpower for operation and maintenance of pollution response equipment and combating oil pollution for 3 years and extendable up to further 2 years (as per same terms and conditions) at Karwar Port, Uttara Kannada"** as per the enclosed Specification, Terms and conditions inclusive of all charges, levies & duties except GST. - Fuel and fresh water supply to the boats on Port account and nil charges towards mobilization/ demobilization.

Unit: Per day 24 hours, **Rate**(excluding GST): in **Figures**................ **words**: .... **Amount:** ....

Submit your complet finished rates including all applicable taxes & duties excluding GST to the undersigned **before 07.08.2020**. The sealed quotation rates are purely used for obtaining estimate sanction and evaluation of tender purpose only and not for awarding the contract.

For any further information please contact the following the address.
(1) E-mail: **marineengineerkwr@gmail.com**
(2) **Phone No.: 08382-221402**. (3) **www.eproc.karantaka.gov.in**

Sd/- Marine Engineer,
Ports & IWT Department, Karwar.
DIPR/KWR/MCA/235/20-21 dt. 28.7.20

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is for the notice of the general public, that my clients **Sri Jonna Venkata Vijaya Bhaskar Rao,** aged about 49 years, **Sri J.Ravikumar,** aged about 42 years and **Sri J.Suresh Kumar,** Aged 45 years, sons of Sri J.Venkateshwaralu residing at No.15/5, Balaji Layout, Kogilu Village, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560 064 are Directors of Drops Total Spirits Private Limited and they declare that they are not responsible or liable for any claims, disputes, liabilities, debts made by the said firm or by certain individuals or institutions or ex-employees or ex-partners or other directors or financial institution using their name without their knowledge, consent and permission in writing. If anyone has already associated in this regard, my clients are not responsible for such transactions.

N. Ravindranath Kamath
B.A (Law), L.L.B, **Advocates**
SHEVGOOR & KAMATH
No. 201 & 202, 2nd Floor, HVS Court, No. 21, Cunningham Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560052
Bengaluru Date : 28-7-2020

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

(BALLARI THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919

No.KPCL/2020-21/PS/WORK_INDENT10185/Call-2 Date:28.07.2020

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Bids are invited from qualified agencies through e-tender platform through two cover system for the work of **"Providing, erection, testing & commissioning of one no. dredging pump for de-silting of pump pits along with necessary water agitation pipe lines at Maralihalla Pump House, Danapur Village, Gangavathi".** The intending bidder can download the tender document from e-Procurement website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** The EMD amount of **Rs. 21300/-** shall be paid through e-Procurement portal. Last date for submission of tender through e-portal only **on or before 07.08.2020 up to 17.00 hrs.** For further information contact **Executive Engineer (CAM-1), BTPS, Kudithini-583 152. Cell No.9448290730.**

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: 903/SEE/Tr.(W&M)/EE(O)/AEE-3/M-19/20-21/2071-83 Date : 29/07/2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT MODE ONLY)

KPTCL invites tender from this office for "Providing 25 Nos of men for carrying out -400/220/110 kV Line Maintenance and breakdown in Transmission Lines in TLM Sections Dandeli , Sirsi , Kumata and Karwar and any other work assigned by the Asst. Executive Engineer Ele, TLM Sub- Division, KPTCL, Sirsi of TL&SS Division Sirsi".

The detailed notification regarding the tender Called through the "e-procurement" mode can be obtained by logging onto e-procurement's website **"https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in"** on or after **30.07.2020**. Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele) Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Vidyuthnagar, Hubballi - 24 Telefax : 0836 - 2203094.

GULBARGA ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED

(Wholly Owned Govt. of Karnataka Undertaking)

No. GESCOM/SEE(Proc)/EE/AEE/2020-21/15626-37 Date: 29-07-2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-procurement Mode only)

Gulbarga Electricity Supply Company Limited (GESCOM) invites tenders in Two Cover system through E-procurement mode only for following:

PC-1082: Establishment of Transformer repair center at Raichur and carrying out repairs to faulty 25/63/100 KVA conventional type (including CSP type) Distribution Transformers of GESCOM O&M Devadurga Sub-division.

PC-1014(Call-2) : Printing and supply of Top Coated Thermal Rolls for SBM machines as per GESCOM specifications.

PC-1005 (Call-2): Design, manufacture, supply and installation and commissioning of Battery sets with stand as per GESCOM specifications.

PC-997 (Call-4): Implementation of Group Personal Accident insurance to all Officers & Employees of GESCOM.

CORRIGENDUM

Following corrigendum to this Office Tender Notification vide No. GESCOM/SEE(Proc.)/EE/AEE/ 2020-21/ 9876-84 Date: 20-06-2020 is issued.

Particulars : Providing Man Power Services (i.e. Data Entry Operator, Office Attender, Drivers, Store Helpers, Assistant, Cleaning Staff, Sweeper, Security Guard etc.,) to GESCOM Offices in the jurisdiction of O&M Zone, GESCOM, Kalaburagi through contract agencies , **As per earlier notification :** PC-1081, **To be read as :** PC-1083

The bid documents will be available on **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after 30-07-2020.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Procurement), GESCOM, Kalaburagi.

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GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU HIGHWAYS DEPARTMENT

NABARD AND RURAL ROADS CIRCLE, CHENGALPATTU

TENDER NOTICE
Short Tender Notice No. 13/2020-2021/SDO/Dt.29.07.2020

For and on behalf of Governor of Tamil Nadu **Percentage tender through online only** will be received **upto 17.08.2020, 15.00 hours** by the **Superintending Engineer (H) NABARD & Rural Roads, Chengalpattu Circle** for **One Individual work** in respect of **Chengalpattu (H) NABARD & Rural Roads Division** under **Upgradation of Panchayat Union roads and Panchayat Roads to ODR Standards.**

Details of Name of works, approximate value of works, EMD, availability of tender documents and all other details are available **from 03.08.2020** onwards in the Government website **https://tntenders.gov.in** If any Changes/Corrections/ Amendments etc. to the tender, it will be published on the above Government website only.

SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER (H)
NABARD AND RURAL ROADS CIRCLE, CHENGALPATTU-1
DIPR/2853/TENDER/2020

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

Pennaiyar Basin Circle, Tiruvannamalai – 606 603.
FORM OF CONTRACT : LUMPSUM - ITEM RATE CONTRACT
TENDER NOTICE (Two cover System)
TENDER NOTICE NO.: 04/ PBC / T.V.Malai / 2020 – 2021 / F. 65 / JDO.4 / DATED : 29.07.2020

For and on behalf of the Governor of Tamilnadu, the Superintending Engineer, WRD., Pennaiyar Basin Circle, Tiruvannamalai – 606 603, invites tender in Two cover system from eligible tenderers for the work of **"Construction of Anicut across Naganadhi river near Ammapalayam Village to feed Pudupalayam tank in Arni Taluk of Tiruvannamalai District," (Value of work : Rs. 384.00 Lakh including GST)"** at his office upto **03.00 P.M.** on **02.09.2020** in sealed cover. The tender will be opened at 03.30 P.M. at his chamber on the same day.

Other information as details of Work, Value, EMD, Cost of Tender schedule, Qualification details etc., will be available in the Government website www.tenders.tn.gov.in. Any Corrections or Modifications will be published on web site only.

Superintending Engineer, WRD.,
Pennaiyar Basin Circle, Tiruvannamalai – 606 603.
DIPR/2854/TENDER/2020

Aspire Home Finance Corporation Limited

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DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT. 2002

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and enforcement of Security Interest Act. 2002 (the said Act) read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) rules. 2002 (the said Rule) In exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of said Rule, the authorized officer has issued Demand notices under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s) / Co-borrowers, Guarantor/s to repay the loan amount mentioned in the respective demand notices issued to them. In connection with above notice is hereby given once again to all the parties to pay within 60 days from the publication of this notice, the amounts indicated herein below, together with further interest from the date(s) of Demand Notice till the date of payment. The detail of the Borrower(s) amount dues on date of Demand Notice and Security offered towards repayment of loan amount are as under:-

Loan Agreement No./Name of the Borrower(s)/Co-Borrower(s)/ Co-Applicant Name / Guarantor Name	Demand Notice Date and Amount	Description of secured asset(s) (immovable property/ies)
LXBAN00417-180054046 Habeeb Jan / Zamrud Begum/ Muzzamil Shariff / Shueb Ahmed	19-12-2019 / Rs. 2105521/- (Rupees Twenty One Lac Five Thousand Five Hundred Twenty One Only)	Assessment No. 33/2, At 1st Cross Yellamma Road, Govindapura, Nagavara Village, Kasaba Hobi, W No - 23, Near Ram Templ, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560032
LXBAN00617-180064899 Vasanth Kumar Adi Narayanappa/ Shwetha Vasanthkumar A	24-01-2020 / Rs. 772929/- (Rupees Seven Lac Seventy Two Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Nine Only)	Site No 19, Old Janjaru No 598, Property No 31/p, Banashakari Layout, Shyanu Boganahalli, Bengaluru, Karnataka - 560076

If the said Borrowers shall fail to make payment to AHFCL as aforesaid AHFCL shall proceed against the above secured assets Under Section 13(4) of the Act and the applicable Rules, entirely at the risk of the said Borrowers as to the cost and consequences. The said Borrowers are prohibited under the Act from transferring the aforesaid assets, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of AHFCL. Any person who contravenes or abates contravention of the provision of the said Act or Rules made there under, shall be liable for imprisonment and / or penalty as provided under the Act.

Date : 30.07.2020
Place : Karnataka

Sd/-
Authorized Officer
For Aspire Home Finance Corporation Ltd.

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION
E-Tender Notice No.SG-CNMTP-2020-1-SA-IBS Dt : 23.07.2020

For and on behalf of the President of India, **The Executive Signal and Telecommunication Engineer, Construction and Metropolitan Transport Project, Southern Railway, Ground Floor, GC Building, Mc.Nichols Road, Chetpet, Chennai - 600 031,** invites E-Tenders for the following work.

1.	**Name of the work :** Provision of Electronic Interlocking Signalling arrangements (Both Indoor & Outdoor) for Intermediate Block Signals (IBS) between Omalur and Mecheri Road stations and at Omalur Station on Salem Division in connection with Omalur - Metturdam Doubling.	
2.	**Approximate cash value** (₹)	**502.63 Lakhs**
3.	**Earnest Money deposit** (₹)	**4,01,300/-**
4.	**Period of Completion**	**Six Months**
5.	**Date & time for Closing of bidding**	**14.08.2020 at 14.00 hrs.**
6.	**Date & time for Opening of Tender**	**14.08.2020 at 14.30 hrs.**
7.	**For further details refer Website address**	**www.ireps.gov.in**
8.	**For further details, contact office at this address : The Executive Signal and Telecommunication Engineer, Construction and Metropolitan Transport Project, Southern Railway, Ground Floor, GC Building, Mc.Nichols Road, Chetpet, Chennai - 600 031.**	

Payment of Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) and Tender Document Cost (TDC) in respect of e-tendering shall be accepted through net banking or payment gateway only.

Executive Signal and Telecom Engineer/ Construction and Metropolitan Transport /Project/Chennai - 31

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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಮಂಗಳೂರು ವಿಭಾಗ, ಮಂಗಳೂರು

ಸಂ:ಲೋ.ಇ:ಮಂ.ವಿ:ಟಿ.ಎನ್.ಡಿ:54ಇ(2019-20):89ಇ(2019-20 :6ಇ(2020-21): 70ಇ(2019-20):15ಇ(2020-21)ಎಇ-2 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 28.07.2020

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ – 2ನೇ ಕರೆ /3ನೇ ಕರೆ /ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ

ದಿನಾಂಕ: 19.01.2020 ರ 'ಪ್ರಜಾವಾಣಿ', 'ಹೊಸದಿಗಂತ', ಮತ್ತು 'ದಿ ಹಿಂದು' ದಿನಪತ್ರಿಕೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟವಾದ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಲೋ.ಇ:ಮಂ.ವಿ:ಟಿ.ಎನ್.ಡಿ:54ಇ (2019-20):ಜೆಇ-2:ದಿನಾಂಕ: 18.01.2020 ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ **ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ :124350 ಮತ್ತು 118394** ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ **2ನೇ ಕರೆಯಾಗಿ** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ದಿನಾಂಕ :18.04.2020 ರ 'ಉದಯವಾಣಿ' 'ಕನ್ನಡಪ್ರಭ' ಮತ್ತು 'ದಿ ನ್ಯೂ ಇಂಡಿಯನ್ ಎಕ್ಸ್‌ಪ್ರೆಸ್' ದಿನಪತ್ರಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟವಾದ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಲೋ.ಇ:ಮಂ.ವಿ:ಟಿ.ಎನ್.ಡಿ: 89ಇ (2019-20):ಜೆಇ-2:ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17.04.2020 ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ **ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ :118621** ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ **3 ನೇ ಕರೆಯಾಗಿ** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅದರಂತೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 08.07.2020 ರ 'ವಿಜಯವಾಣಿ', 'ಹೊಸದಿಗಂತ', ಮತ್ತು 'ಇಂಡಿಯನ್ ಎಕ್ಸ್‌ಪ್ರೆಸ್' ದಿನಪತ್ರಿಕೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟವಾದ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಲೋ.ಇ:ಮಂ.ವಿ:ಟಿ.ಎನ್.ಡಿ:6ಇ :2020-21:ಎಇ-2:ದಿನಾಂಕ: 07.07.2020 ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ **ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ.123818** ರ **ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ 3ನೇ ಕರೆಯಾಗಿ** ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರದ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನ ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಈ ಮೇಲಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 11.08.2020** ರ ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆ (16:00 ಗಂಟೆ) ಒಳಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದು.

ದಿನಾಂಕ :16.07.2020 ರ 'ಹೊಸದಿಗಂತ' 'ಜಯಕಿರಣ' ಮತ್ತು ದಿನಾಂಕ :17.07.2020 ರ 'ಕರಾವಳಿ ಅಲೆ' ದಿನಪತ್ರಿಕೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟವಾದ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಲೋ.ಇ:ಮಂ.ವಿ:ಟಿ.ಎನ್.ಡಿ:70ಇ (2019-20):ಎಇ-1:ದಿನಾಂಕ: 14.07.2020 ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ **ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ :123964** ರ **ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ 2 ನೇ ಕರೆ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, ಹಾಗೂ** ಲೆಕ್ಕಶೀರ್ಷಿಕೆ :4202-01-202-1-05-386 ನಿರ್ಮಾಣದಡಿ **ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ ;116221** ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರುಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರದ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನ ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 14.08.2020** ರ ಅಪರಾಹ್ನ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆ (16:00 ಗಂಟೆ) ಒಳಗೆ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸತಕ್ಕದು.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರದ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಅಂತರ್ಜಾಲದ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರು ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು Download ಮೂಲಕ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

DIPR/MNG/MCA/292/20-21 dt.29.7.20 ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್

TIRUPATI SMART CITY CORPORATION LIMITED

C/o. TIRUPATI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION,
13-29-M9-1-00, TILAK ROAD, EAST TIRUPATI,
PIN CODE: 517501 CHITTOOR DISTRICT,
ANDHRA PRADESH, INDIA.
E-MAIL: tsccltirupati@gmail.com

Managing Director, Tirupati Smart City Corporation Limited, Tirupati invites BIds/ Tenders on e-Procurement platform from the "eligible contractors" for the following Works:

NIT Number: **TSCCL/NIT/37**, Dated: **July 27th, 2020**

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

IFB No.:	Name of the work	Estimated Contract Value (in INR)
01/TSCCL/Projects/ TO/2020-21, Dated: July 27th, 2020	Request for Proposal for "Procurement and Maintenance of **e-Bikes with GPS Tracking, Public Announcement with Siren, Blue and Red Rotating Bulbs & Helmets"** under Implementation of the Smart City Mission in Tirupati.	
06/20-21/Smart City/TO/ Dated: July 27th, 2020	Tender Document for "**Design, Manufacturing, Supply, Installation (Erection) and Commissioning of 50 TPD Organic Waste Processing Plant"** under implementation of the Smart City Mission in Tirupati.	**Rs.92,85,250/-**
07/20-21/Smart City/TO/ Dated: July 27th, 2020	Tender Document for "**Design, Manufacturing, Supply, Installation (Erection) and Commissioning including one-year Operation and Maintenance of Resource Recovery Centre of upto 07 Tons per Hour"** under implementation of the Smart City Mission in Tirupati.	**Rs.1,66,46,250/-**
08/20-21/Smart City/TO/ Dated: July 27th, 2020	Tender Document for **"Proposed Construction of Municipal Corporation School Campus Building at Korlagunta"** under implementation of the Smart City Mission in Tirupati	**Rs.1,77,13,176/-**
09/20-21/Smart City/TO/ Dated: July 27th, 2020	Tender Document for **"Civil Works for 50 TPD Organic Waste Processing Plant"** under implementation of the Smart City Mission in Tirupati	**Rs.71,07,343/-**

Tirupati Smart City Corporation Limited hereby issued this notice for inviting Tenders / Bids for the attention of all potential bidders for the above said Tenders / RFPs to participate and for other particulars please contact Executive Engineer during office working hours and above said detailed Tenders / RFPs can be downloaded from the e-procurement market place at **https://tender.apeprocurement.gov.in**

Sd/- P.S. GIRISHA, I.A.S.,
Managing Director, Tirupati Smart City Corporation Limited

A day after three siblings succumbed to burns from a gas cylinder blast at their house in Nambadam village of Pattambi, Kerala, the villagers bid a tearful adieu to the trio on Wednesday

NIA shifts focus to kingpins

Gold smuggling case: After Sivasankar, agency to interrogate Faisal, Rameez

TOBY ANTONY @Kochi

HAVING interrogated former IT Secretary M Sivasankar for 25 hours, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) has turned its attention to the kingpins in the gold smuggling racket -- Faisal Fareed, who was intercepted by the Dubai police recently, and Rameez K T, who is under the agency's custody.

With assistance from Interpol, NIA has collected details about Faisal who sent gold from Dubai.

"We have collected all details, including his business, friend circle and travel history, from agencies in the UAE. He was detained and interrogated by agencies there, and was let off with conditions to prevent him from absconding. We are also collecting details of his close aides who we suspect are linked to the smuggling activities," an NIA officer told TNIE.

After a non-bailable warrant was issued by the NIA Court, the national agency approached Interpol which issued a 'Blue Notice' to collect information from the UAE. Sources said NIA will now approach Interpol for a 'Red Notice' to extradite him quickly, adding the Customs are also set to do likewise.

"This case has two phases – a smuggling network based in the UAE and a smuggling network in Kerala. Faisal is part of the first network and his arrest will unravel a major smuggling chain that operates from the UAE," said the officer.

NIA is also interrogating Rameez – the mastermind behind the gold smuggling – who was sent in NIA custody for seven days on Tuesday. The agency is checking his links with top bureaucrats, other government officials and politicians in the state. "We will check whether Rameez has any link with Sivasankar, who told us that he didn't know Rameez," an officer said.

MONSOON WOES

Railway officials inspect a Railway track damaged due to a landslide following heavy rain in Kottayam on Wednesday

EXPRESS READ

20-YR-OLD LOSES FAMILY TO COVID, STRUGGLES TO PAY HOSP BILLS

Hyderabad: A 20-year old B Tech student -the youngest member of the family - lost his father, mother and a cousin to the deadly virus in a span of a week. However, before Radhesh Reddy could grapple with the shock of losing his entire family, he had to clear dues of Rs. 17 lakhs for COVID-19 treatment at Deccan Hospital, a private hospital in Somajiguda, while being a COVID-19 patient himself. Breaking down while talking to TNIE, Radhesh Reddy narrated his traumatic experience of having to beg and borrow Rs 2 lakh so that his father's body would be released by the hospital for performing the last rites. He has also alleged negligence on the part of the hospital, leading to his father's death.

'Hardcore action the way ahead'

PEARL MARIA D'SOUZA @Bengaluru

TO start implementing the major reforms in the primary and higher education brought in by the Centre, Karnataka needs to set in place two major requirements- - Right people with some familiarity to start the work and a certain level of finances. "There are a number of things you can do, there is no discovery here, you need to do actual hardcore action," Dr Kasturirangan, Chairman of the committee that drafted the New Education Policy (NEP), told TNIE on Wednesday.

He said that Karnataka already had an education policy which was formulated when he was the chairman of the Knowledge Commission. Now, they only need to rework the essentials to ensure it's updated, he said.

For starters, he said, the State can focus on properly reconfiguring Anganwadis and pre-primary schools towards the Early Childhood Care and Education, which mandates free safe and high quality education for children of ages 3-6.

Welcoming the NEP, Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Higher Education Dr C N Ashwathnarayan said, "Once the final policy is released by the Centre, the Karnataka government will work expeditiously to bring about the transformational changes and implement them."

Minister for Primary and Secondary Education S Suresh Kumar, too, said the State government welcomed the NEP that is based on the principles of 'Teach to Transform, Educate to Empower, Learn to Lead'.

Various universities, too, seem to have received the NEP well. Venugopal K R, Vice Chancellor, Bangalore University, said, "The NEP aims to shift the commercial education concept to charitable activity. It aims to increase the public investment on education from 10% to 20% and encourage philanthropic private funding."

M S Reddy, Special Officer at Maharani Cluster University (MCU) said the MCU will join hands with the State government's Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood Department to start PG, diploma and certificate courses from the academic year 2020-21 in a phased manner.

NEW WORRY FOR FARMERS – A VIRAL SKIN DISEASE IN CATTLE

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

A virus is now sweeping cattle. Farmers in Karnataka, already crushed by the novel coronavirus, now have to deal with this. Thanks to the Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD), cows are yielding less milk, while bullocks are unable to plough. With a fall in milk sales in the past few months due to the Covid-19 situation, cattle farmers are now worried about this contagious disease. However, it does not affect human beings.

LSD is an infectious disease of cattle and buffaloes caused by a virus called Capripox. It is transmitted by mosquitoes and biting flies. Symptoms are high fever followed by development of stiff, round cutaneous nodules and fibrous tissue growth, which can be formed any day between 7 and 21 days.

The disease originated in Africa and has now spread across Europe, Kazakhstan and is also seen in Kerala and Odisha. It's been detected in Karnataka too, and since May, there is an increase in the number of cases.

Over 700 cases of LSD have been detected so far, mostly in a few villages in Ramanagara's Kanakapura taluk, Hoskote and KR Puram in Bengaluru, sources in the animal husbandry department said. In a few villages in Kanakapura, Hallikar calves – a native breed of Karnataka mainly used for draught purpose – are found to be affected with LSD.

The disease is seasonal, starting in the wet summer and going on till the end of the monsoon because this is the breeding season for biting flies. The infected cattle are to be kept in isolation. Disinfectant has to be sprayed in cattle-sheds, and in case of death, the carcass has to be buried deep inside the earth.

Dr B M Veeregowda, Associate Professor at Karnataka Veterinary, Animal and Fisheries Sciences University, said this disease can be controlled by using Goat Pox vaccine. "Early detection can avoid spread. Affected animals may be treated with antibiotics, anti-inflammatory and anti-histamines, besides supportive medicines such as liver tonics and fly repellents," he said.

NECTAR OF THE SEA

Ocean brings ashore rich 'Madi Kasa' at Malpe

Madi Kasa accumulates along the shoreline of Malpe beach | EXPRESS

PRAKASH SAMAGA @Udupi

IT is that time of year when the ocean churns, washing ashore organic waste, locally known as *Madi Kasa*, which accumulates along the shoreline.

This week, *Madi Kasa* surfaced along Malpe beach and those who did not know of its biological worth, urged the beach authority to "clean the trash". However, the beach authority is firm that the sediments should go back into the ocean, as fish feed on it.

Sudesh Shetty, in-charge of Malpe Development Committee, said three weeks ago, the committee took up a cleaning drive on Malpe beach. Staff were instructed to pick up only plastic waste and not to touch the organic sediments. ''Though some people urged us to clear the organic matter, we made them understand the importance of these sediments and the dynamic process ahead that enhances coastal productivity," he said.

"Even if the sediments are on the shore, snails and crabs feed on them. So, calling them 'beach trash' is wrong," he said.

Dr Prathibha Rohit, principal scientist, Mangalore Research Centre of the Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, said due to many rivers joining the Arabian Sea in the west, organic sediments are found more along the west coast when compared to the east coast. Because of this, the west coast is more productive too, she added.

Environmentalist N A Madhyastha said organic sediment is a natural process and local fishermen consider it the 'nectar of the sea'.

KARNATAKA SLUM DEVELOPMENT BOARD

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No: KSDB/EE/Mys-Div-1/IFT-02/2020-21/156 Date: 27-07-2020

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION (KW-2)
(e-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

On behalf of the Commissioner, KSDB, Bangalore. The Executive Engineer, No.1 Division, Mysuru invites Item Rate tenders from eligible Tenderer's for Construction of CC Road and RCC Drain at Ward No.17, 7 Acers and 32 Gunte at Survey No. 64 in Holenarsipura Town **(Indent No. KSDB/2020-21/OW/WORK_INDENT2793)**. Amount put to Tender: **Rs. 22,29,498/-**. EMD: **Rs. 50,000/-**. Tender notification, schedule, specification are available in the website: **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

1.	Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/Clarifications	11-08-2020 upto 16.00 hours
2.	Last Date & Time for receipt of tenders	12-08-2020 upto 16.00 hours
3.	Date & Time for Opening of Tender	14-08-2020 at 11.00 hours
4.	Place of Opening of Tender Documents	Office of The Executive Engineer, No.1 Division, Mysore Near Highway Circle, Jawa Factory Road Mysuru - 570001

DIPR/DDU/670/2020-21

Sd/- Executive Engineer
KSDB, No.1 Division, Mysuru

MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Office of The Executive Engineer, MI & GWD Division, Chitradurga.

No.: EE/MI&GWD DIV/CTA/PB 1, 2, 3/TENDER NOTIFICATION : 09 / 2020-21 Date : 24-07-2020

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION (TWO COVER SYSTEM) - KW 3, 4

Item rate tender in Two Cover System as per KTPP Act-2000 with latest amendments is invited from the eligible **Class-1 Contractors registered in KPWD (KW-3, 4)** for the following work through e-Procurement portal.

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Amount put to tender Rs. in Lakhs	E.M.D. (in Rs.)	Period of Completion (Including Rainy Season)
1.	Construction of Malagi Maralu Percolation Tank and Waste Weir near Ramagiri S.T. Farmers Lands in Holalkere Taluk, Chitradurga District. (Call-2)	150.00	2,25,000.00	06 Months (including Monsoon Period)
2.	Construction of Protection Wall and Desilting of Halla Near Kumara Ramagondanahalli in Channagiri Taluk Davangere District. (Call-2)	100.00	2,00,000.00	06 Months (including Monsoon Period)
3.	Construction of Check Dam Near Sy.No. 101/1P of Yadalaghatta Village in Challakere Taluk Chitradurga District.	100.00	2,00,000.00	06 Months (including Monsoon Period)

Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-Procurement **Website : https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from **29-07-2020. Last Date & Time for enquiries about tender 03-08-2020 upto 5.30 p.m. Last Date for Submission of Tenders : 04-08-2020 upto 4.00 p.m. Opening of Technical Bid Date : 05-08-2020 after 4.30 p.m. (If Possible). Opening of Financial Bid Date : 06-08-2020 after 10.30 a.m. (If possible).** Tenders may be submitted along with EMD and tender fee (Mode of Payment should be online only as prescribed in website). Amount mentioned in e-portal is final for the amount put to tender & the EMD. Additional Information regarding works may be obtained from the **Division Office during office hours (08194-231811) & from e-Procurement help desk No.: 080-25501216 & 080-25501227.**

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ/263/4Winds/2020–21

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
MI & GWD Division, Chitradurga.

KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
OFFICE OF THE, Executive Engineer, KNNL, HBC Divn., Athani – 591304, Tq: Athani. Dist: Belgaum (Karnataka).
No.EE/KNNL/HBC/PB/tender/Recall-2/ Man power /2020-21/1006 Date: 29.07.2020

TENDER NOTIFICATION (RE CALL-3)(THROUGH "e-Procurement" ONLY)

Reference1)No.EE/KNNL/HBC/PB/tender/Man power /2020-21/538 dtd 16.06.2020 2)No.EE/KNNL/HBC /PB/tender/Man power /2020-21/ 830 dtd 03.07.2020In Continuation of tender notification published vide ref above due to No Bids Received in 2nd call. Hence now Tender notification (Re Call-3) through e-procurement platform are invited by the EE KNNL, HBC Division, Atahni on behalf of the M.D. KNNL 4th Floor, Coffee Board Building No: 1 Dr. B.R Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore-01 From CEIG registered Class-I Electrical contractor with labour licence belonging to General Category (who have experience in LIS O & M /Electro mechanical works) For Sl.No.1 & 2 work for the Supplying Man Power for Operation and Maintenace of Ainapur LIS 2nd Stage @ Mangsuli & Karimasuti LIS 1st Stage at Nandagaon for the year 2020 to 2021 (Including silt removal & jungle clearence), The contractors are expected to apply in Single Cover system (as per KTTP act 2000) The blank tender documents can be obtained through website www .eproc. Karnataka .gov.in/eportal /index.seam

The approximate estimated cost of work is Rs. 7.80 Lakhs and 13.18 lakhs

1	The contractor can request for e-tendering documents	From 30.07.2020 @ 10.30 AM to 06.08.2020. upto 4.00 PM
2	Last date & time for tender queries	30.07.2020 upto 4.00 PM
3	Submission of completed e-tendering document	From 30.07.2020 @ 10.30 AM to 06.08.2020 upto 4.00 PM
4	Opening of Financial Bid	10.08.2020 @ 11.00 AM

Any other information can be had from the undersigned during the office hours on telephone: 08289-251034 and H.P company helpline 080-22485867

Sd/-xx K K Jaliberi,
Executive Engineer, KNNL HBC Division, Athani.

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer PWD Electrical Division, Bangalore-560 001

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The Executive Engineer PWD Electrical Division, Bangalore invites **Short Term Tenders** for the following works from The tenderer as a Prime Contractor having valid Class -1 and Above Electrical License issued by Electrical Inspectorate Govt. of Karnataka and should have suitable technical, financial & managerial capabilities of Tender's First Call, As per KW-2 STD Conditions.

SL No.	Name of work	Approximate value of work (Rs.in Lakhs)
1	2	3
1	Providing Maintenance to 250KVA DG Sets & Periodical Servicing of A.M.F Panel Board , LT Main and Sub Distribution Panel Boards,and connected switch gears Like ACB's, MCCB's, MCB's Auto Change over switch, 500KVAX2No's of Transformer Centers, HT Yard, and Electrical installations of Switches, Sockets, Modular plates, Modular PVC boxes, LED Tubes, T5 Tubes, Chocks, Drivers, Fan Capacitors, Geysers coils, Thermostats, UPS batteries, Lifts car Lights ARD Batteries, Street Lights and providing Labour charges for attending the complaints and operations DG Sets (24/7) of LH-1,2.3.4 & 5 Blocks at Legislator's Home, Bengaluru (From period 10 months) KPWD/2020- 21 /EL/WORK_ INDENT124749	39.06 Lakhs
2	Maintenance of Split /cassette type Air Conditioner and centralized air conditioner and Labour charges for operation and maintenance at Vikasa Soudha, MS Building, RTI building and KPSC building for the year 2020-2021 (for the period of 10 months) KPWD/2020-21/EL/WORK_ INDENT124697	25.40 Lakhs
3	Maintenance to DG set, AMF Panel, HT Substation, LT panels ,UPS and Internal and External lights, Street lights and Labour charges for operation and maintenance at Vikasa Soudha for the year 2020-2021 (for the period of 10 month) KPWD/2020- 21/EL/WORK_ INDENT124698	39.86 Lakhs
4	Maintenance DO set, AMF Panel, HT Substation, LT panels, UPS and Internal and External lights , Street lights and Labour charges for operation and maintenance at KPSC and RTI Building for the year 2020-2021 (for the period of 10 months) KPWD/2020- 21/EL/WORK_INDENT12471	24.34 Lakhs

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Sd/- Executive Engineer (Ele)
PWD Electrical Division Bangalore-01

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer (Metro Rail Project),No. 14/3, 1st Floor, Aravindha Bhavana Building, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru-560001.

No. : KIADB/LAQ/METRO/R3C/2020-21 Date: 09.07.2020

PUBLIC NOTICE
(Under section 28(2) of KIAD Act)

It is hereby given publication for the information of the public that the KARANATAKA INDUSRTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD. Bengaluru has proposed to acquire the following scheduled properties for the purpose of 2nd Phase of METRO RAIL PROJECT. The Preliminary Notification Under Section 1(3), 3(1) & 28(1) in this behalf is issued vide Notification No: CI **131** SPQ (E) 2**020** Bangalore dated: **30.06.2020** by the Government of Karnataka and the same has already been published in the Karnataka Gazette dated **30.06.2020**

All the absolute owners and interested persons in the Schedule properties specified below shall file their OBJECTIONS IF ANY to the undersigned , Notice u/s 28(2) of KIAD Act, has already been served to the notified Khatedar/Anubhavdar, interested persons. As some of the property owners refused to receive the notice and address of some of the Khatedars are not available, notices could not be served. Hence, this notice is published in the News papers to provide opportunity to them.

Any contracts for the disposal of the said lands by sale. Mortgage, Assignment, Exchange or otherwise or any improvement made therein without prior permission of the competent authority, KIAD Act 1966 will be disregarded while assessing compensation for such parts of the said lands as may be finally acquired.

The map of the area comprised therein and the notification specifying the lands which is proposed to be acquired may be verified in the Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, KIADB, (Metro Rail Project) Bengaluru during the office hours on all working days. Enquiry is fixed **on 03.08.2020 at 11.00 AM** in the Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, K.I.A.D.B. (Metro Rail Project), No. 14/3, 1st Floor, Aravindha Bhavana Building, Bengaluru. Interested persons are hereby requested to be present with relevant documents. Failing which, further action will be taken in accordance with law.

SCHEDULE

Enquiry Date: 03.08.2020 Time: 11.00 am

Sl. No.	Property Owner	I.D. No.	L.A/CTS No.	B.B.M.P. Property No.	Area acquired (sq.Mtr)
Village : Chikkabidarakallu Hobli: Dasanapura Taluk: Bengaluru North District : Bengaluru					
1	Jai Singh Kulari S/o Mohar Singh	R3C-J2	33	-	9.69
2	Jindal Aluminum Ltd., M|| Prestige South City Holdings	R3C-J4	28/4	-	1503.67
3	S.V.ShriShailaiah S/o Veeraiah	R3C-J5	Ravi Kirloskar Layout Property No. 330	-	62.97
4	Harish Krishna Shanbhag S/o Krishna HarishanBhag, Sujatha Harish Shan Bhag W/o Harish Krishna Shan bhag	R3C-J6	Ravi Kirloskar Layout Property No. 331	-	215.53
5	M|| Jindal Aluminum Ltd., Represented By GPA Holder General Manager Ramdeev Garg	R3C-J7	Kirloskar Layout Property No. 332	-	71.33
Village: Shrikantapura Hobli: Dasanapura Taluk: Bengaluru North Dist: Bengaluru					
6	M.Shivakumar S/o Mahimanna	R3C-J3	21	-	44.27

Sd/- Special Land Acquisition Officer, (Metro Rail Project), Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru-560001.

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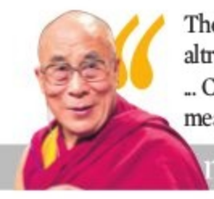

"The practice of compassion and altruism brings us peace of mind ... Compassion is the best counter measure to anger and anxiety" — Dalai Lama

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MORE NEEDS TO BE DONE TO SAVE MSMEs AND A 100 MILLION JOBS

A presentation by senior officials of the Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) department has voiced the fear that over 100 million jobs are in danger as the recessionary grip of Covid-19 tightens across the country. Speaking to members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Commerce, these officials said the travel and tourism industry is among the worst hit as lakhs of employees in this labour intensive sector were without work. Moreover, 50% of the Covid-19 cases are in areas that generate 72% of industrial production. The MSMEs were already in trouble as the economy was contracting even before the pandemic broke; but now, without orders and financial support, these small units have little future.

The World Bank's draft India Development Update (IDU) has corroborated these fears. It says the country is at "risk of losing its hard-won gains against poverty", and warns that several million households are "likely to slip back into poverty due to income and job losses triggered by Covid-19". The progress India made between 2011 and 2015 when the poverty rate dropped from 21.6% to 13.4% may get affected; the IDU has identified the repeated extensions of lockdown as one of the debilitating factors.

The nearly 64 million micro and small industries are the lifeblood of the economy, employing millions. However, there's not enough being done by the government to keep them going. For instance, the MSME report points out that the travel sector desperately needs support in the form of returning the GST of all cancelled tour programmes, and deferring interest and premium payment on loans for one year. Some of the Standing Committee members were right in questioning the government as to how much of the touted ₹21 lakh crore fiscal stimulus was finding its way to sustain MSMEs. According to the IDU report, actual spending could be as low as 0.7-1.2% of the GDP in the current financial year. This sector will have to be given more priority if we want to save millions from job losses and poverty.

KERALA GOVT MUST COME CLEAN IN GOLD CASE

Twenty-five hours over three days. That's how long the National Investigation Agency (NIA) team, engaged in unearthing the objective behind the recent gold smuggling attempt in Kerala, questioned senior IAS officer M Sivasankar, former principal secretary to Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan. That he was let off after the marathon interrogation sessions and not arrested as was being speculated should bring relief to the LDF government. However, the embarrassment of having its top bureaucrat, who was running the CMO till recently, questioned in a case in which provisions of the law dealing with terrorism have been invoked will not be easy to shake off for the Pinarayi administration. Besides, there is the political implication to contend with, what with opposition parties looking to make the most of the given opportunity.

The fact is this isn't an ordinary gold smuggling case. The NIA has come into the scene for a particular reason—to specifically investigate the suspected links between gold smuggling in Kerala and terror funding in the country. The agency suspects the involvement of "highly influential people in India and abroad" in the conspiracy to smuggle large quantities of gold. Then there is the question of how much the state government or the CM himself knew about what was happening. According to investigators, those named in the case have been involved in gold smuggling for long and one of them was particularly close to Sivasankar. Was the government aware of this? If yes, why didn't it act? Not being aware raises more questions. The government, at the moment, seems content to let the investigation go on, and the CM has maintained that he isn't worried. But he must be.

The LDF government has weathered many a storm in its term, but this isn't like any other. The questions will linger even if Sivasankar can't be nailed in the case and investigators can't pin anything on the CMO. To escape political repercussions, the government must come clean and answer all the questions that are on people's minds. The episode has certainly eroded its credibility, and the one thing it can, and should, do is clear the air of suspicion around its role before it's too late.

Once the law on 'encounter' killings has been declared by the Supreme Court, the Centre and states are bound by it. Such a judgment also binds the courts in India

RULE OF LAW IS A CONSTITUTIONAL IMPERATIVE

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AMIT BANDRE

It is erroneous to think that judicial activism in India began in the 1980s, only after the withdrawal of the Emergency. It was in the famous Kesavananda Bharati Case (1973) that an activist Supreme Court declared that Parliament cannot amend the basic structure of the country's Constitution. The court defined and limited the boundaries of the legislative track in a big blow to the political regime. Basic structure involves basic features. Like secularism, republicanism and federalism, rule of law also is a basic feature of the fundamental law. This principle also was laid down in the Kesavananda Bharati case.

Recently, the apex court reminded the UP state government about its duty to uphold the rule of law. The court endorsed the formation of a committee chaired by B S Chauhan, a retired judge of the top court, to probe the encounter killing of Vikas Dubey. This judicial gesture also is problematic. The committee consists of a retired police officer who, after the incident, justified the police action in public. It is not the court but the respondent state that designed the committee. "No one shall sit in judgment on his own cause" is an old legal maxim, which vicariously applies to the state as well.

Every 'encounter' killing is a murder. Only the circumstances, methods and motives may vary. The law on the point is clear. Article 21 of the Constitution prohibits deprivation of a person's life or liberty "except according to procedure established by law". In most of the 'encounter' killings, self-defence is a defence of the indefensible.

In Om Prakash v. State of Jharkhand (2012), the Supreme Court said that the police cannot kill an accused by labelling him a dreaded criminal. Again, in PUCL v. State of Maharashtra (2014), the court issued comprehensive guidelines to be followed in the event of 'encounter' killings. Those include, among others, an immediate registration of the First Information Report, independent investigation, collection of material evidence, magisterial enquiry, action against the erring police officers, etc. Significantly, in the PUCL judgment, the court specifically declared that the directives "must be strictly observed in all cases of death and grievous injury in police custody by treating them as law declared under Article 141 of the Constitution of India". It was a verdict meant for the future. In that case, the court was dealing with the issue of 99 'encounters' during 1995-97 by the Mumbai police, in which 135 alleged criminals were shot dead.

Last year, in Hyderabad, four rape accused were killed by the police. Some political leaders and celebrities applauded the 'instant justice' where the police themselves became the accuser, jury and executioner. In the Dubey incident, even some lawyers were jubilant over the extrajudicial killing. An extension of this logic can risk the life of every citizen as it is left to the discretion of the police. Populism negates the doctrine of due process.

Once the law on 'encounter' killings has been declared by the Supreme Court, the Centre and states are bound by it. Such a judgment also binds the courts in India. It even binds the apex court unless overruled by a subsequent larger Bench. The states, in such situations, need not wait for further judicial strictures. The law officers of the government have a duty to remind and advise the concerned officials appropriately. Rule of law also implies respect for judicial precedents and juridical discipline. It needs to reflect a democratic constitution, and not the autocracy of the elected few. Therefore, it follows that the top court, in the Vikas Dubey, case ought to have reiterated the principle in the PUCL case instead of endorsing the committee as suggested by the state. On July 24, in another development, the apex court extended the deadline for another enquiry commission by six months. That was an indulgence shown to the Justice V S Sirpurkar commission that is probing into the Hyderabad encounter. Thus, the mandate in the PUCL judgment for an immediate and effective investigation and action is practically replaced by another relaxed mechanism.

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Daniel Webster famously remarked that "every unpunished murder takes away something from the security of every man's life". Criminal law should try to strike a fine balance by punishing the guilty and sparing the innocent.

Rule of law is a synonym for institutional justice. Populist outcry in support of police actions, in a way, exposes systemic deficits. Such concerns are to be addressed. The judiciary needs to ensure its functional efficiency and independence. It should be able to earn respect, rather than commanding it. It should follow the mantra of Article 14 talking about "equality before the law" and "equal protection of the law". While ensuring prosecutorial competence, it should see that the liberty of innocent individuals is not left to the mercy of an aggrandising executive. A mature democracy should view political prisoners with a deep sense of compassion. Many intellectuals and activists are detained without any convincing evidence of any overt act. The continuing incarceration of those who spent their whole life or a good part of it for what they thought to be correct is a sad commentary on the rule of law. The sadder one, however, is the judicial apathy to it.

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KARNATAKA TEMPLE THAT IS A MUSICIAN'S PRIDE

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Patronising the construction of temples and carvings has been a tradition in Indian heritage. When a major monument is built, it is usually ascribed to the head of the state, i.e. the king. But there have been many instances where noblemen, merchants, women, artisans and others have made donations for building temples, *stupas*, rock-cut caves, etc. An inscription at a temple in Karnataka's Galaganatha dated to 1079 CE refers to Mokari Bharmayya, a musician who patronised the construction of a temple there.

Galaganatha, known in ancient times as Phullani Tirtha, is a small village in Haveri district situated on the western banks of the river Tungabhadra. There are two inscriptions in the Galageshwara temple in Galaganatha that shed light on its construction and other activities. It appears that the temple was in existence from about 1030 CE onwards. It was renovated, or rather rebuilt, in 1079 CE during the third year of Kalyan Chalukya King Vikramaditya VI's reign. His younger brother Jayasimha, who had the title of *Veera Nolamba Permadi*, was administering Banavasi 12,000, where the temple is situated, and Santalige 1,000. (These were the administrative units that yielded taxes.)

The temple was built by Mokari Bharmayya, who was an exponent of various arts. The words in the inscriptions (*samasta gita vadya, aneka nritya shastra saadhakam*) mention his proficiency in many musical instruments and his knowledge of various treatises of dance. He also had many titles given by the king. The inscription further says that Bharmayya was an expert in 32 *ragas* (*battees ragas*), and was blessed by Sri Vagdevi, the goddess Saraswathi. It is said that he installed the Shiva Linga and donated 30 *pon gadyana* (golden coins) in the name of his mother Jogiyabbe. It is most likely the sole instance where a man who was a musician, singer as well as expert on dance had made donations for the construction of a temple and installation of the God. Another inscription at the temple dated to 1080 CE refers to the grants made towards the worship of the God and offerings to Him, feeding of visitors and students, and the service of music and dance in the temple. Both the inscriptions attest to the importance that the temple had as a centre for music, dance, education and other cultural activities.

The Galageshwara, now a protected monument of the ASI, is situated in a panoramic landscape right on the banks of the Tungabhadra and faces east. It is an *ekakuta* temple, i.e. it has a single sanctum sanctorum (*garbagriha*). It has an imposing Dravida *vimana* that is three-tiered and is coped by a *stupi* and *amrita kalasha*. The walls have *koshtas* and *panjaras*—miniature shrines replicating the main shrine.

The most unique feature of the temple is the supporting structure found all around the *garbhagriha*. The support to the *garbhagriha* outer wall rises from the ground and covers the whole of the *adhisthana* (pedestal); it appears like a buttress as seen in medieval Gothic churches. Though the supporting wall covers almost half of the outer wall, it harmoniously blends in and adds to the temple's aesthetic value. The Galageshwara is right on the sand banks of the river and the sanctum sanctorum is a hefty structure. The architect of the temple must have designed the outer supporting structure to the *garbhagriha* to avoid any shrinkage. The structure is so well matched that it has become an integral part of the temple's design.

The interior of the temple has a large Shiva Linga installed in the *garbhagriha*. There are two side niches where the images of Durga Mahishamardini and Ganesha are installed. Besides, there is a sculpture of Surya in *samabhanga* posture (without a bend), standing on the pedestal with seven galloping horses. Vishnu with his attributes, the conch, disc and mace, is also in *samabhanga*. The image of Mahishamardini placed in a side niche (*koshta*) has an inscription on its halo. The Devi, with her weapons, has vanquished the demon Mahisha, who is depicted in personified human form. Her arms have the weapons spread around architectonically. The Vishnu and Mahishamardini sculptures predate the temple. The image of Ganesha is also impressive. He is in a seated posture having an axe, rosary, teeth and bowl with *modaka*.

Apart from the above sculptures, there are images of the Sapta Matrukas. The free sculptures were possibly installed on separate pedestals within the temple premises earlier. They are now kept inside the *garbhagriha*. There is a sculpture of Saraswathi seated on a lotus seat. She has a book in the lower left hand, *pasha* and *ankusha* in the upper hands, and would have held a rosary in the remaining hand. Stylistically all of them belong to a very rich tradition of the sculpture school.

The Galageshwara temple was an active centre of religious and cultural activities in its heyday. It also served as a school and catered to the education of children. Temple priests were usually the teachers. They were given special grants for maintaining the school. The musician patron of the Karnataka temple has become a historical figure as his munificent grants helped in the continuation of the musical traditions as part of the temple rituals.

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The Galageshwara temple on the banks of the Tungabhadra river in Galaganatha village in Karnataka's Haveri district; (R) Mahishamardini sculpture that is in a side niche of the 11th century monument; the sculpture predates the temple

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Tackling air pollution

Though international climate summits take place periodically, there have been no tangible steps taken to tackle pollution (*Air pollution can cut short life by 10 years*, July 29). India has a major role to play as we have the second largest population after China.

R Sridharan, Chennai

Asylum for Balochis

The article *Is it time to play the Baloch card?* (July 29) has convincingly showed the need for India to use the issue to counter China. But while we can give political asylum, we must not imitate our neighbours and indulge in unfair means.

Dharmarajan A K, Thalassery

Loss for Telugu cinema

Telugu cinema lost a legend with the passing away of veteran actor-director Raavi Kondala Rao. He was an actor, playwright, screenwriter, author and also a journalist. He will be missed.

C Ghanshyam, Visakhapatnam

Good ties with neighbours

This is with reference to the article *Bangladesh too on the Chinese radar* (July 29). As China has been encircling India strategically, we must be on our toes. We cannot afford to lose more allies. The government should ensure that we have good relations with our neighbours.

A M Chakravarty, Hyderabad

Beware of China

The article highlights what China has been doing to damage India's relations with its neighbours and establish itself as a superpower. SAARC nations should be aware of such unethical acts.

Jitesh Mathur, Hyderabad

Inaction over detentions

This is with reference to *My Lords, threat of contempt is not the remedy* (July 28). The author's analysis of the contempt law as practised in India was good. Recent judgments, together with the inaction on the detention of Varavara Rao and so many others, certainly make the average citizen very concerned.

Ravi Katari, Chennai

Scrap contempt law

In any civilised society, freedom of speech is essential. The law regarding contempt of court should be totally scrapped. I fully support activist Prashant Bhushan regarding the court charging him with contempt. This is a classic example of this draconian law being misused by the judiciary.

Dijo Thomas, Kerala

Judges and criticism

The Supreme Court is the highest authority in the country to uphold the liberty and rights of the citizens. The judges should therefore be large-hearted and not get unduly perturbed by criticism.

P Victor Selvaraj, Palayamkottai

Action was needed

Judicial decisions are not final and there are legal routes for people to ask for a review of unjust verdicts. Despite being an experienced lawyer, Prashant Bhushan has often levelled personal allegations against judges and others on social media. So the judicial proceedings are not unwarranted.

Asokakumar, Thrikkunnapuzha

Focus on pending cases

The apex court should show magnanimity and drop its decision to commence contempt proceedings against Bhushan. Its focus should be on the large number of pending cases.

C G Kuriakose, Kothamangalam

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Sitaram Yechury @SitaramYechury
Education is in the concurrent list. Illegal to impose policy by Centre. Communalisation, commercialisation of education will be resisted.

Amit Shah @AmitShah
Objective of NEP 2020 is to bring in a transformational change in the Indian Education system through holistic and multidisciplinary approaches.

Subramanian Swamy @Swamy39
Patna Police has egistered a FIR on SSR mysterious death but Mumbai Police has not got beyond Inquest and not registered a criminal case.

Number game making CM wary of floor test notice

Ashok Gelhot's refusal to mention trust vote as agenda for assembly session in the proposal sent to guv raises eyebrows

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

RAJASTHAN Governor Kalraj Mishra on Wednesday returned a third proposal of the Ashok Gehlot government on convening the Assembly session, saying if the government wanted to prove its majority, it should have written as much in its proposal.

"Call a session whenever you want. If you do not want to prove the majority, then what's the urgency to call the session? As per rules, call a session after giving a 21-day notice. Why do they want a session on July 31 and what is the agenda? I never got a reply about that," Mishra said.

The governor was referring to a letter sent by the Gehlot government on Tuesday which didn't answer the three questions asked by him, but instead talked about the constitutional rights.

Gehlot and his ministers have told the media repeatedly that the Congress government has the support of 102 MLAs, one more than the majority mark. Why, then, is the government refusing to mention floor test as the agenda for the assembly session in the proposal sent to the governor?

Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly Gulabchand Kataria said since Gehlot was not convinced about the majority, he was calling the session to find ways to disqualify the rebel MLAs led by Sachin Pilot.

However, Revenue Minister Harish Chaudhary says the governor is satisfied with the majority. "Where is the need for a majority test in such a situation?" he questioned.

Meanwhile, by moving the high court, the BSP has created more trouble for the Gehlot government. With 19 Congress MLAs of the Pilot camp and three Independents supporting Pilot, the total number of MLAs opposing the Gehlot government in the 200-member House has risen to 97 — three short of the majority mark.

> **If the govt had a majority, it would have sent a proposal directly that it wants to call a session to prove its majority. The governor cannot refuse this. The govt would be safe by proving majority**
> Gulabchand Kataria, BJP

Experts say if the proposal sent to the governor mentions the majority test, then the government will have to go directly for voting. With 22 MLAs already rebelling, even if two MLAs cross-vote or MLAs of the allies BTP or CPM are absent, the government is in danger of falling.

The BJP strategy seems to be to delay the Assembly session in the hope that along with Pilot, it will lure away a few more MLAs and succeed in toppling the government.

Though the government claims it has the support of 102 MLAs, one MLA, Social Welfare Minister Master Bhanwarlal, is very sick and can't vote. Speaker CP Joshi can vote only when the numbers are tied.

Rebel MLAs shifted, change phone numbers

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

THE 18 rebel Rajasthan Congress MLAs led by former deputy CM Sachin Pilot have been shifted to a third plush resort in Manesar, near Gurugram. Their mobile phone numbers and handsets have reportedly been changed to keep them off the Rajasthan Police surveillance. Haryana policemen and private bouncers have been deployed for their security.

Sources said these rebels were shifted late Tuesday night to Heritage Village Resort and Spa in Manesar from the ITC Grand Bharat in Nuh district of Haryana.

These MLAs have reportedly been given new numbers with old mobile handsets which can't be traced through GPS. This was done after their numbers were tracked by the Rajasthan SOG through their social media updates.

Sources said the resort staff have been told to stay within the facility itself. Reportedly, their mobile phones have also been taken away as the SOG had intercepted the calls made by the staff informing their families that they would not be coming back home.

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot with state Congress chief Govind Singh Dotasra in Jaipur on Wednesday | PTI

'INDIA HAS SPIRITUAL IMMUNITY'

THOUGH India is perceived as a spiritual country, there's still a lot more that its citizens can and ought to draw from the Bhagavad Gita, said renowned ***Vedanta scholar Jaya Row****, in conversation with* ***Prabhu Chawla, Editorial Director, The New Indian Express****, and author and senior journalist* ***Kaveree Bamzai*** *during TNIE Expressions, a series of live webcasts with people who matter.*

"We are still not taking the wealth of the Gita and are still looking westward. We are only taking concepts from the surface, which have been marketed. The modern world is promoting and nourishing desire and the financial world is based on desire," said Row.

Row spoke about how people needed to move beyond desires — something the pandemic had shown we do not really need — and move towards embracing our inner intellectualism.

She also spoke about how they were trying to reach more people through sensible influencer targeting. "We should look at Covid-19 as nature's way to course-correct. If a few leaders of society do it, then the rest will follow. It's like promoting veganism. The goal was to get the top 7% of America to do because they knew the world will follow. We are trying to reach thinkers and intellectuals so that more people follow the path," she said. "Hollywood stars like Will Smith and Julia Roberts have said that they are reading the Gita."

Row, a lecturer and speaker who has served as managing trustee of the Vedanta Trust, said she had faith in the country because of its deep spiritual roots. "I am optimistic because of the aspirations of people. There are people in small towns who will work to realise their aspirations. This is what is keeping India going. India is still a spiritual country. Talk to people about it and it will touch a chord. This will not happen anywhere else in the world."

This spirituality is vital, according to her, in keeping your immunity up during these troubled times of pandemic. "We have spiritual immunity, especially among the poor, that is helping them cope. I think it's positive where people understand challenges will come and that it will pass.

Responding to a question on why people only turn to spirituality when hit by personal loss, she said it was inevitable as it was hardcoded into human nature. But has the Covid threat steered more people towards embracing their inner spirituality? Row confessed she had cautious optimism in this regard, "I'm not sure if people will return to nature. I think it is a temporary hiatus and that people will resume their life with a bang. There are people who've used this opportunity to do things they never had the time to do...Vedanta has a longlasting effect on people even if they are materialistic, to the extent they are receptive and use it."

ON LEAVE

Norms eased for employees stuck due to lockdown

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

THE government has relaxed norms for regularising its employees' services, who failed to join office after leave or official tour on account of lack of public transport facility during Covid-19 induced lockdown.

In an order issued by Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT) to all the ministries and departments, the government said the decision was taken in the wake of the DoPT receiving several references and queries from the employees, who proceeded on leave with necessary permission, but could not report for duty due to travel restrictions.

In the order, while clarifying that such cases should dealt with under the relaxed norms, the DoPT said the ministries and departments "should avoid an unnecessary reference to it on the subject".

Government servants who were on official tour and were unable to return to their headquarters due to non-availability of public transport should be "deemed to have joined duty on the date of expiry of official tour, if intimation in any form, indicating difficulty in joining duty due to non-availability of public transport/flights, has been given by the government servant to the office," the order read.

The same provision is applicable for government employees who were on leave before the lockdown came into effect.

Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria (2nd L) and Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief Western Air Command, Air Marshal B Suresh (R) along with the IAF pilots of the first batch of Rafale jets that landed in Ambala, Haryana, on Wednesday | PTI

'Those seeking to threaten our integrity need to worry'

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

TERMING the touchdown of first batch of the Rafale combat fighter jets in Ambala, Haryana, as the beginning of a new era in India's military history, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said the multirole aircraft will revolutionise the capabilities of the Indian Air Force (IAF). In a veiled warning to hostile forces, he said those intending to threaten the country's territorial integrity should be worried about this new capability, he said.

The defence minister congratulated the Air Force in a series of tweets and said, "If it is anyone who should be worried about or critical about this new capability of the Indian Air Force, it should be those who want to threaten our territorial integrity."

A batch of five Rafale fighter jets, comprising two twin-seater and three single-seater aircraft, were escorted by two Sukhoi 30 MKI when they entered the Indian skies. These had flown from Merignac, France on Monday and took a stop at the Al Dhafra air base, UAE.

Fighters completed the journey of about 7,000 kilometers and were greeted with special water canon salute at their home base. Ambala air base houses two squadrons of Jaguar fighter aircraft and one of the MiG 21 Bison.

The deal for 36 Rafale fighters was signed in September 2016 at the cost of Rs 59,000 crore. These are the first foreign aircraft to join the IAF after the Sukhois from Russia in last 23 years. These will be part of the 17 'Golden Arrows' squadron.

The arrival of the Rafale multirole jets is seen as filling critical gap in India's air combat at the time IAF has deployed its frontline fighters to cater to any eventuality occurring in the Eastern Ladakh where the forces of India and China are in standoff positions at many places.

Contempt notice: More SC judges back Bhushan

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

EIGHT retired judges, including seven former Supreme Court judges, on Wednesday joined 131 others in expressing solidarity with advocate Prashant Bhushan and sought withdrawal of contempt proceedings initiated against him last week by the apex court.

Former SC judges Justices Ruma Pal, G S Singhvi, A K Ganguly, Gopala Gowda, Aftab Alam, J Chelameswar and Vikramjit Sen, and Justice (retd) Anjana Prakash of Patna High Court expressed solidarity with Bhushan. Earlier, a group of 131 prominent personalities, including retired judges, said action against Bhushan amounts to "stifling criticism".

Raj House session from Aug 14

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

RAJASTHAN Governor Kalraj Mishra on Wednesday accepted CM Ashok Gehlot's latest proposal seeking Assembly session from August 14. Earlier, the governor had rejected three proposals moved the Gehlot government seeking House session from July 31, citing various issues including 21-day notice requirement for calling House session.

Wednesday saw back-to-back exchanges between Mishra and Gehlot. After the governor rejected the third proposal, the CM rushed to the Raj Bhavan and held a 15-minute meeting with Mishra. Separately, Assembly Speaker CP Joshi, too, met Mishra.

Meanwhile, Rajasthan Assembly Speaker C P Joshi on Wednesday moved the Supreme Court challenging the July 24 order of the high court directing status quo on the disqualification notice issued to 19 dissident MLAs. IN his petition, Speaker C P Joshi, has sought stay on the Rajasthan High Court's order contending that it is 'ex-facie unconstitutional' and is a 'direct intrusion' into the domain exclusively reserved for the Speaker under the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution.

The plea, settled by senior advocates Kapil Sibal and Vivek Tankha, has also sought stay on further proceedings in the matter pending before the High Court.

The plea claimed that the HC order is a 'direct interference' in the 'proceedings of the House' under the Tenth Schedule which is prohibited under Article 212.

Kids aged 3-6 will now get formal school education

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

ONE of the most striking features of the new education policy approved by the Union Cabinet is making 'early childhood care and education' (ECCE) for kids aged 3-6 part of the school education for the first time.

The NEP has paved the way for restructuring of the 10+2 structure in school education to a new pedagogical and curricular restructuring of 5+3+3+4 covering ages 3-18. Currently, children in the age group of 3-6 are not covered in the 10+2 structure as Class 1 begins at age 6.

The government plans to formalise ECCE in a phase-wise manner and complete the process by 2030. It said ECCE shall be delivered through a significantly expanded and strengthened system of early-childhood education institutions consisting of stand-alone anganwadis, aganwadis co-located with primary schools; pre-primary schools or sections covering at least age 5 to 6 years co-located with existing primary schools and stand-alone pre-schools.

For this, there will be teachers and workers specially trained in the curriculum and pedagogy of ECCE. As per the plan, prior to the age of 5 every child will move to a 'preparatory class' or 'balavatika'.

The teachers with 10+2 level education will be given a 6-month certificate programme in ECCE and those with lower educational qualifications shall be given a one-year diploma programme.

The planning and implementation of ECCE curriculum will be carried out jointly by the ministries of HRD, Women and Child Development, Health and Family Welfare and Tribal Affairs.

Additionally, recognizing foundational literacy and numeracy as an urgent and necessary prerequisite to learning, NEP also calls for the setting up of a National Mission by the Centre. For this, states will prepare an implementation plan for attaining universal foundational literacy and numeracy in all primary schools for all learners by Grade 3 by 2025.

The NEP says Sanskrit will be offered at all levels of school and higher education as an option for students. Other classical languages of India will also be available as options.

Schools, metro to remain shut; night curfew lifted

SANA SHAKIL @ New Delhi

THE Centre on Wednesday issued guidelines for Unlock 3.0, which will begin from August 1, allowing a few more activities and removing restrictions on movement of individuals during night.

Gymnasiums and Yoga institutes, which have been shut for over four months, will be allowed to open from August 5, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) announced, adding that Standard Operating Procedure for the same will be issued by the Health Ministry.

Independence Day functions will be allowed by following social distancing and other health protocols. International air travel has been permitted in a limited manner under the Vande Bharat mission.

School, colleges, coaching institutions will continue to remain shut till August 31. The lockdown shall, however, continue to be implemented strictly in the containment zones till August 31 and only essential services will be allowed in the containment zones.

Places of gatherings such as cinema halls, swimming pools, entertainment parks, theatres, bars, auditoriums and assembly halls will continue to remain shut during the month-long Unlock-3 period.

Metro rail services and gatherings of all kinds — social, political, sports, entertainment, academic, cultural and religious — will remain banned. Notably, the bhoomi pujan for Ram temple is planned at Ayodhya for August 5. An MHA spokesperson did not respond when asked if the Ram Mandir Trust had sought specific exemptions for the event and if they have been granted.

The use of Aarogya Setu application will continue to be encouraged. The ministry said the new guidelines are based on feedback from the states and UTs, and extensive consultations held with related central ministries and departments.

New education policy refers to ancient Indian knowledge, seeks to instill pride in the country

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE NEP seeks to instil in students a rootedness and pride in India, and its "rich, diverse, ancient and modern culture and knowledge systems and traditions".

"The vision of the policy is to instil among the learners a deep-rooted pride in being Indian,not only in thought, but also in spirit, intellect, and deeds, as well as to develop knowledge, skills, values, and dispositions that support responsible commitment to human rights, sustainable development and living, and global well-being, thereby reflecting a truly global citizen," says the document.

It also says the rich heritage of ancient and eternal Indian knowledge and thought has been a guiding light for this policy. "The pursuit of knowledge (Jnan), wisdom (Pragyaa), and truth (Satya) was always considered in Indian thought and philosophy as the highest human goal," it says.

The aim of education in ancient India was not just the acquisition of knowledge but a complete realisation and liberation of the self, it outlines.

World-class institutions of ancient India such as Takshashila,Nalanda, Vikramshila, Vallabhi set the highest standards of multidisciplinary teaching and research and hosted scholars and students from across the world, it stresses. Indian culture and philosophy have had a strong influence on the world.

HELICOPTER SERVICE

Uttarakhand on Wednesday saw the launch of a helicopter service for the Dehradun-New Tehri-Srinagar-Gaucher route under the central government's Udan Scheme. The fare has been fixed at ₹ 2,900 per seat.

11 PEOPLE KILLED IN BIHAR FLOODS SO FAR

Ahmedabad	37	24	Mumbai	30	25
Bhopal	30	26	Panaji	30	25
Jaipur	36	27	Patna	32	26
Amritsar	35	26	Lucknow	29	23
Chennai	38	28	Port Blair	30	26
Kolkata	34	27	Imphal	30	23
Srinagar	28	18	Chandigarh	33	26

MUMBAI COULD BE CLOSE TO HERD IMMUNITY: BMC

But health experts prefer to wait and watch before commenting

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

A day after a sero-survey found that around 57 per cent slum-dwellers in three municipal wards of Mumbai have been exposed to coronavirus, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation said the city could be closer to herd immunity.

BMC's Additional Municipal Commissioner Ashwini Bhide said the first round of sero-surveillance report indicates that 5 per cent of slum population and 16 per cent of non-slum population have developed antibodies. "The fatality rate is very low... so, are we closer to herd immunity?" Bhide said.

However, Dr Avinash Supe, chairman of the Covid-19 death audit committee, said it was too early to talk about herd immunity. He said as per international studies, such immunities develop when the percentage of infection is 70 per cent.

> A second sero-study will be carried out in the same BMC ward of R-North, M-West and F-North in slum and non-slum areas... We will then have more clarity about herd immunity
>
> Dr Daksha Shah, BMC health officer

"The survey results are an encouraging sign, but we can't stop the measures that we have been taking. People should continue to maintain social distancing, wear masks and adopt sanitization methods," said Dr Supe, who was also ex-Dean of the BMC-run KEM Hospital in Mumbai.

He also pointed out that the survey was carried out only in three BMC wards which cannot reflect a holistic picture of herd immunity. "There are still chances of residents of upscale apartments and housing colonies getting infected. It will take time for the antibodies to develop," said Dr Supe.

BMC Health Officer Dr Daksha Shah said there were divergent opinions about herd immunity. "Our second round of survey will determine the progress and persistence of antibodies," Dr Shah said.

The second round of survey with Kasturba Molecular Diagnostic Laboratory, Translational Health Science and Technology Institute (THSTI), A.T.E. Chandra Foundation and IDFC Institute will be carried out in the next 10-15 days.

"This second sero-study will be carried out in the same BMC ward of R-North (Borivali-West), M-West (Chembur) and F-North (Matunga) in the slum and non-slum areas with the same demography. We will then have more clarity over the herd immunity," she said.

BJP leader and former minister Ashish Shelar said the BMC should carry out more antibodies tests.

Ayodhya gets ready for *bhoomi pujan*

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

THE Ayodhya administration has launched a massive cleanliness drive following announcement of the groundbreaking ceremony of Ram temple on August 5, which is likely to be attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The Centre-appointed temple trust has appealed to people to donate cash instead of jewellery for the construction work. Through online donations in the past four months, the trust has received around ₹6 crore in its two bank accounts in SBI branch, Ayodhya.

The Trust is sending acknowledgement receipts of donations along with a letter of appreciation to the donors.

A team of 500 sanitary workers has been working round-the-clock to deck up the temple town. Main thoroughfares of Ayodhya are being decorated with graffiti and paintings depicting scenes from the Ramayan.

According to Ayodhya Mayor Rishikesh Updadhyaya, ward-wise meetings are being conducted to make Ayodhya ready to welcome the PM. Officials who were involved in the management of Kumbh Mela last year have been deployed to look after every aspect of the grand function on August 5.

A team of BJP workers led by Ayodhya MLA Ved Prakash Gupta is reaching out to every household to make sure all houses in the temple town are decorated with lights and earthen lamps. Around 1.25 lakh lamps would be lit during the event.

Locals have been asked to decorate their houses with *rangoli*, and *bandanwar* (garlands made of flowers), decorative lights and earthen diyas for '*bhoomi pujan*' day.

Spiritual guru Morari Bapu has announced a donation of ₹5 crore from his Vyaspeeth to Sri Ram Janmabhoomi Tirtha Kshetra Trust. Prince Yakub Habeebuddin Tucy, a self-proclaimed descendent of the Mughals has offered a gold brick weighing 1 kg to the PM for the temple construction.

Trust general secretary Champat Rai has said the temple will be constructed through donations. "The Trust is not averse to taking donations from Muslims," said Mahant Kamal Nayan Das, successor-designate of chairman of Sri Ram Janmabhoomi Tirath Kshetra Trust Mahant Nritya Gopal Das.

A day after the Trust's Ayodhya meeting, the UP chapter of Indian Bullions Association had donated silver bricks weighing 33 kg to the trust at a ceremony on July 2. The bricks would be used in the '*bhoomi pujan*' ceremony.

Sources said Trust chairman Mahant Nritya Gopal Das has arranged a silver brick weighing 40 kg which would be placed in the sanctum of the proposed temple.

VHP members collect Ganga water and clay for the temple ceremony | PTI

SECURITY BLANKET

Ayodhya is under high alert after central intelligence agencies warned of possible attempts by terror groups to disrupt and sabotage the 'bhoomi pujan' ceremony. Residents of Ramkot locality are being issued passes for movement. Intense checking is going on in all the lodges, hotels and guesthouses in the temple town.

A ceremony for the Ram Temple, in Lucknow | PTI

Bengal: Another BJP leader strikes discordant note after Mukul Roy

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

FIVE days after senior leader Mukul Roy skipped meetings after difference in BJP's 2021 poll projections, another round of rift in BJP's West Bengal unit surfaced in a meeting with the saffron camp's national leadership in Delhi on Tuesday.

BJP MP from Barrackpore Arjun Singh, who defected from the ruling Trinamool Congress before the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, alleged that "efficient" workers were not being allowed to function freely by a section of the leaders, said BJP insiders.

Accusing a section of BJP leaders of not following inclusiveness, Singh is said to have highlighted how the party's day-to-day affairs are being dominated by a section of leaders known for their proximity to state president Dilip Ghosh. "Singh rued how the party leaders overlooked a police raid at his house and did not make it an issue. The MP also held the state unit's organisational failure for not wining more Lok Sabha seats other than Barrackpore and Bankura despite high chances," said a BJP leader.

At the meeting attended by BJP national leaders including Shiv Prakash, Kailash Vijayvargiya and Arvind Menon, Singh also alleged that the new entrants were not being allowed to function properly.

"In Tuesday's meeting, another MP (Singh) said that the ground-level strength of the party is not as strong as it is being projected before the national leaders by Ghosh," said another BJP leader. "Ghosh claimed the party already recruited booth-level workers who are all set to take on TMC's foot-soldiers. But the MP said turning the booth-level workers into polling agents on the day of elections would not be an easy task to do."

Singh, however, refused to admit any rift in the party.

Both Mukul Roy (C) & Arjun Singh are circumspect about BJP's poll prospects in Bengal

EXPRESS READ

J&K HC bar leader to be released

New Delhi: The J&K administration informed the Supreme Court about its decision to release high court bar association leader Mian Abdul Qayoom, detained under the J&K Public Safety Act with certain conditions. It told the top court that Qayoom would be released with the conditions that he would not visit Kashmir till August 7 and that he would not issue any statement.

BJP welcomes Omar's statement

Srinagar: The BJP welcomed National Conference vice-president Omar Abdullah's statement on restoration of statehood, saying the regional party has realised that Article 370 cannot be restored. "They (NC leaders) now realise that they will have to live with it. Now parties should extend support to ensure return of peace in J&K," senior BJP leader Kavinder Gupta said.

JHARKHAND

BJP MP locks horns with CM over 2013 case

MUKESH RANJAN @ Ranchi

A BJP MP has demanded reopening of a rape-kidnapping case against Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren. The 2013 case involved a Mumbai-based girl, which was withdrawn after a "compromise".

In response, Soren has warned Godda lawmaker Nishikant Dubey that he will be getting a legal reply within 48 hours. "The respected MP has made some allegations... you will get a legal reply within 48 hours. Please stop misguiding people as per your conduct," Soren tweeted. Dubey hit back saying he would be waiting for the CM's action.

Dubey on Monday posted his letter addressed to the Maharashtra Home Minister on his Twitter handle and cited a Supreme Court ruling that says cases involving heinous crimes cannot be quashed or compounded merely because the victim or the family has settled the dispute.

The MP said when the matter came to his notice earlier this month, he had held a press conference demanding re-investigation.

"Within 2-3 days of the press conference, the state government lodged some false cases against me, which related to some property and his educational qualification. Such charges will never stand in court," he said.

Dubey has alleged that the CM in collusion with DGP MV Rao and the local mafia want to kill the girl who had filed the case. "We need a CBI inquiry into this episode of rape, bribery, threats and blatant misuse of powers."

Will sue J&K govt for 'illegal' detention: Soz

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

AFTER the J&K government informed the Supreme Court that he was never under detention, Congress leader Saif-ud-Din Soz has decided to sue and seek damages from the Union Territory administration for keeping him 'unlawfully' under house arrest since August last year.

"I reject the government's narration of falsehood before the Supreme Court denying that I had either been put under house arrest or any restrictions were imposed on me since August 5, 2019," Soz said. "I will further sue the government for compensation for the incarceration and illegal suspension of civil liberties to which I am entitled under the Constitution,"

In an affidavit, the Jammu and Kashmir government told the top court that the former Union minister was neither detained nor put under house arrest after abrogation of Article 370. Soz's wife had challenged his detention in the apex court.

Centre earned ₹300 cr from natural resources in three yrs

RICHA SHARMA @ New Delhi

THE Centre has earned over ₹300 crore in revenues from exploitation of natural resources in last three years while Gujarat alone did ₹250 crore business even as India is yet to commence any form of annual environmental accounting of its resources, said a Concept Paper on Natural Resource Accounting in India.

The paper, prepared by the Government Accounting Standards Advisory Board (GASAB) under the aegis of the C&G, recommends implementation of Natural Resource Accounting in India (NRA).

The paper mentions that from financial years 2015-16 to 2017-18, the revenue receipts registered an increasing trend over three years in almost all the States except Odisha, where receipts in 2016-17 registered a decreasing trend in 2015-16.

The paper envisages NRA implementation in a phased manner, first in the states with the Asset Accounts in respect of mineral & energy, water, forestry & wildlife and land resources and then gradually rolls out at the national level in the country.

According to GASAB, the Asset Accounts will immensely help the States in capturing extraction/exploitation of natural resources which are of economic importance to them and also in keeping an eye on their sustainability for the future generations.

Sushant suicide: Rhea moves SC, cops likely to grill brother

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ Patna

A Patna police team is likely to interrogate actor Rhea Chakraborty's brother Showik at Mumbai in connection with its probe into Sushant Singh Rajput's death by suicide.

Side by side, the Mumbai police, as a source said, may also summon Rhea's brother for questioning.

Sushant's father KK Singh has filed an FIR in Patna against Rhea and five others, including three of her family members, for abetment of suicide.

Rhea, meanwhile, moved the Supreme Court seeking transfer of the investigation to Mumbai. She also sought a stay on the probe by the Bihar police on the FIR filed against her.

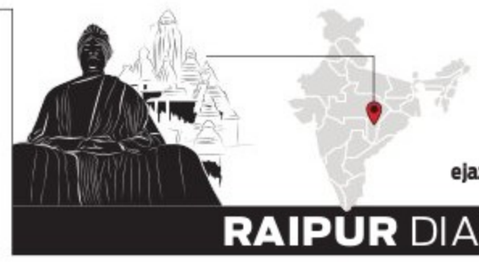
Advocate Satish Maneshinde, who is representing Rhea, said he has filed a petition in the apex court seeking transfer of the case to Mumbai.

As per sources, Sushant and Showik Chakraborty had jointly launched an Artificial Intelligence-based firm Vivid Rage Realtyx in September 2019. Besides Sushant, Rhea and Showik Chakraborty were the founding directors. Investigation so far has revealed that Sushant was the sole investor of the company, the sources said.

The four-member police team will visit Sushant's apartment in Mumbai and will also examine the evidence gathered by the Mumbai Police.

Mission to lure away Red cadres

As part of an aggressive anti-Maoist campaign 'Lon Varatu', Dantewada collector Deepak Soni and SP Abhishek Pallava released the lists of Maoist cadres carrying cash rewards on their heads. The aim to appealing the cadres to return to mainstream and live a life of dignity. The families of Maoists, the villagers and the rebels are exhorted to return homes renouncing the outlawed CPI (Maoist). "Every effort would be made to turn Dantewada free from Naxal menace," Soni affirmed. "Initial response is encouraging," said Pallava.



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RAIPUR DIARY

FICCI, CSIDC discuss investment avenues

The FICCI's state unit in association with Chhattisgarh State Industrial Development Corporation (CSIDC) explored investment opportunities in bio-ethanol and food processing industry. While reiterating Chhattisgarh was amongst the top achiever on 'Ease of Doing Business', CSIDC MD P Arun Prasad said that the state was preferred destination to have 200 food parks at block and district level, with 80% population depends on agriculture and agro-based activities. Chhattisgarh shares its border with seven states and has better air, rail and road connectivity. FICCI state chairman Pradeep Tandon opined such industries will generate rural employment, boost economy and better utilisation of raw agriculture produce through value addition.

Record eviction without protest

A daunting task to evict over 900 families, 11 dairies, 15 shops, seen as a major hurdle to a comprehensive Arpa River Front beautification project in Bilaspur, was accomplished without any major protest. Such mega displacement is the first of its kind in Chhattisgarh. The encroachers were shifted to alternative areas. The high court refused any stay on the displacement for the beautification plan under the Smart City project. The project is aimed to reclaim the river edge as a public asset, cater to traffic loads, enhance greenery and facilitate recreation facilities in a big way, said collector Saransh Mittar.

Awards to encourage village cleanliness

To promote sanitation coverage in villages, the Clean Indian Mission-Rural will give away cash awards worth ₹4.34 crore to select gram panchayats and winners on Gandhi Jayanti. Awards would be given under 15 categories. The selection would be for ODF villages, outfits encouraging community participation in maintaining cleanliness and promoting hygiene. "Such awards will lead to healthy competition in encouraging hygiene habits, bring about behavioural change in rural population besides creating awareness on solid-liquid waste management," said TS Singhdeo Health Minister.

38,000 Indians
became Australian citizens in 2019-2020, a 60 per cent increase from the previous year

GLOBAL WEATHER

City	Max	Min		City	Max	Min	
Beijing	38	22	SNY	Los Angeles	26	16	LC
Colombo	28	26	LC	Melbourne	13	3	LC
Doha	41	43	SNY	Moscow	20	14	TDS
Dubai	42	33	SNY	New York	37	24	LC
Houston	34	26	TDS	Singapore	29	27	TDS
Istanbul	30	22	SNY	Toronto	25	20	LC
London	24	16	LC	Washington DC	33	22	LC

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

US to pull 12,000 troops from Germany in 'strategic repositioning'

About 6,400 soldiers will return home, talks on to redeploy the remaining to other NATO member states including Poland and Baltic countries to deter Russia

WASHINGTON

THE United States will slash its military presence in Germany by 11,900 troops in what the Pentagon on Wednesday called a "strategic" repositioning but President Donald Trump said it was to punish Berlin for its weak defence spending.

US Defense Secretary Mark Esper said that the Pentagon will be sending home about 6,400 of its military personnel in Germany, and move nearly 5,600 to other NATO countries, including Italy and Belgium.

Some could also be relocated to Poland and the Baltic countries if Washington can reach agreements with them, he said.

The move, which will cost the US government several billion dollars, will cut the presence of US military personnel in Germany to around 24,000, Esper said.

He stressed that the action is part of his broader plan to reposition US military forces around the world to better address key threats and enhance flexibility, including with the NATO alliance, which is focused on deterring a possible Russian threat to Europe.

But at the White House Trump told reporters that Germany has not paid its fair share for the defense of Europe.

"They are there to protect Europe, they are there to protect Germany, and Germany is supposed to pay for it," Trump said of the troops.

In moves that could begin within weeks, some US command operations currently in Germany will be moved to Belgium and Italy, where they will be located with their NATO counterparts, Esper said.

"This will strengthen NATO and improve the operational efficiency and readiness of over 2,000 (US) service members," he said.

US, Aus to step up military ties with eye on China

Meanwhile, the United States and Australia said on Tuesday they will expand military cooperation as tensions soar with China, presenting a common front between the allies.

Going ahead in Washington with annual talks despite the coronavirus pandemic, Australia's foreign and defense ministers offered clear, if more mildly stated, support for a hawkish shift on China by President Donald Trump's administration.

Australian Defense Minister Linda Reynolds said the two countries will build ties across a slew of defense areas including hypersonic, electronic and space-based warfare. Foreign Minister Marise Payne, however, acknowledged that the two nations "don't agree on everything" and stressed the importance of multilateral institutions, after Trump bolted from the WHO. *Agencies*

In this file photo, US troops attend a ceremony in Wiesbaden, Germany | AP

Big Tech executives stress on patriotism amid grilling

WASHINGTON

BIG Tech's top executives underscored their firms' American roots and values Wednesday as they faced a grilling in Congress over their extraordinary economic power and influence.

The CEOs of Amazon, Apple, Facebook and Google offered an upbeat assessment of the tech landscape as they prepared for an onslaught of criticism at a House of Representatives hearing expected to be a rare political spectacle.

The hearing is part of a probe into the competitive market landscape and antitrust law, but questioning is likely to veer into other areas such as hate speech and content moderation, economic inequality, privacy and data protection and even claims of political "bias" from President Donald Trump and his allies.

In prepared remarks, the executives sought to highlight their roots and values and how the companies have benefitted average Americans.

"An important way we contribute is by building products that are helpful to American users in moments big and small, whether they are looking for a faster route home, learning how to cook a new dish on YouTube, or growing a small business," Pichai said in his remarks

Cook said Apple is "a uniquely American company whose success is only possible in this country," and that the California giant is "motivated by the mission to put things into the world that enrich people's lives."

Bezos, in his first appearance before a congressional committee, spoke of his modest upbringing and initial backing from his parents to start Amazon and its early losses of billions of dollars.

"I walked away from a steady job into a Seattle garage to found my startup, fully understanding that it might not work," said Bezos.

Zuckerberg called social media colossus Facebook a "proudly US company" and added that "our story would not have been possible without US laws that encourage competition and innovation."

But hours ahead of the hearing, fast-growing video app TikTok accused Facebook of "maligning attacks" that are part of a movement "disguised as patriotism and designed to put an end to our very presence in the US." *AFP*

Youngsters wait to cross a traffic intersection in Beijing on Wednesday | AP

China, S Korea, Japan see surge in virus cases

BEIJING

CHINA reported more than 100 new cases of Covid-19 on Wednesday, as the country continues to battle an outbreak in Xinjiang.

The 101 new cases was China's highest daily increase in weeks. The Xinjiang region accounted for 89, with another eight in the northeastern province of Liaoning and one in Beijing. Another three cases were brought from outside the country by returning citizens.

Outside of Xinjiang, the virus has been largely contained in mainland China, with the death toll remaining at 4,634 among 84,060 cases registered since the pandemic first emerged from Wuhan late last year.

Hospitals are treating 482 people for the disease, with another 274 in isolation while being monitored for showing signs of infection or for having tested positive for the virus without displaying symptoms.

As Japan battles a surge in cases, some areas may be running out of isolation facilities to monitor infected people. The health ministry reported 981 new cases on Tuesday and three more deaths from Covid-19, raising the cumulative toll to 1,000.

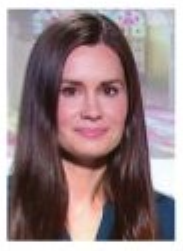
South Korea reported 48 additional cases, maintaining an uptick in new infections. The Korea Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said the additional figures took the country's total to 14,251 with 300 deaths. Fourteen of the new patients were locally infected, while the remaining 34 came from overseas. *AP*

Aus academic in Iran moved to remote prison

CANBERRA

A British-Australian academic serving a 10-year sentence for espionage in Iran has been moved to a notorious prison where concerns for her well-being have escalated, the Australian government confirmed Wednesday.

Kylie Moore-Gilbert was a Melbourne University lecturer on Middle Eastern studies when she was sent to Tehran's Evin Prison in September 2018.



She had been arrested at Tehran airport while trying to leave the country after attending an academic conference.

Iran told Australia that Moore-Gilbert had been recently moved to Qarchak Prison east of Tehran, the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade stated.

Australian envoys were 'urgently seeking further consular access to her at this new location,' the government statement said.

"We hold Iran responsible for Dr. Moore-Gilbert's safety and well-being,' it said.

The Center for Human Rights in Iran said Moore-Gilbert was being held with violent criminals in harsh conditions. *AFP*

LEAN HAJJ AMID COVID

Hundreds of Muslim pilgrims keep distance from each other as they circle the Kaaba on Wednesday. After days in isolation, Muslims wearing face masks began arriving at Mecca, Saudi Arabia for the start of a unique and scaled-down Hajj | AP

Yemen separatists give up self-rule, accept Saudi deal

CAIRO

YEMEN'S leading separatist group will abandon its aspirations for self-rule to implement a stalled peace deal brokered by Saudi Arabia, the group announced early Wednesday in a step toward closing a dangerous rift between nominal allies in the five-year war.

Nizar Haitham, a spokesman for the separatists' Southern Transitional Council, an umbrella group of militias backed by the United Arab Emirates, said the separatists would give up their dreams of self-administration over southern Yemen to pursue the Riyadh agreement.

The announcement comes after months of infighting in a Saudi-led coalition that saw secessionists seize control of the southern port city of Aden, the interim seat of the internationally recognised government, igniting fierce clashes across much of the south.

The group still believes in the restoration of an independent southern Yemen, which existed from 1967-1990. Its commitment to a final deal remains unclear.

"We have achieved our goals," said Haitham, noting that the announcement came under intense pressure from Saudi Arabia and the UAE.

"We affirm the continuing and deepening of our strategic partnership with the Arab coalition."

The power-sharing deal, signed in the Saudi capital of Riyadh in the last fall, sets the stage to end a long-running rivalry between Yemen's Saudi-backed government and the Emirati-backed southern separatists. The agreement was never implemented. *AP*

Yemeni separatists pledged to implement a stalled Saudi-brokered peace deal, mending a rift between allies in the war against Houthi rebels | AFP

EXPRESS READ

British PM rides made-in-India bike

London: The British Prime Minister Boris Johnson rode a made-in-India Hero Cycles bike designed in the UK as he launched a new GBP 2-billion cycling and walking drive which is part of the government's anti-obesity strategy to combat Covid-19. Johnson, 56, a known cycling enthusiast, was seen riding on a Hero Viking Pro bike to Canalside Heritage Centre at Beeston in Nottingham, central England, on Tuesday when he unveiled plans for thousands of miles of new protected bike lanes, cycle training for everyone and bikes available on prescription as part of a new fitness strategy.

Turkey moves to regulate social media

Istanbul: Turkey's parliament approved a law early Wednesday that gives authorities greater power to regulate social media despite concerns of growing censorship. The law requires major social media companies such as Facebook and Twitter to keep representative offices in Turkey to deal with complaints against content on their platforms. If the social media company refuses to designate an official representative, the legislation mandates steep fines, advertising bans and bandwidth reductions.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

NAME DECLARATION
I, **GIRISH**, Aged about 40 years, S/o P. R. Srinivasa Raghavan, Indian inhabitant, R/at B003, Unitech Blossoms, Ground Floor, Behind Novotel Hotel, Devarabeesanahalli, Bellandur Post, Bellandur, Bengaluru 560103.
I hereby declare that my name is called as **GIRISH and NARASIMMAN**, these both names are belongs to me. In future I will be called as **GIRISH** Vide affidavit dated 28.07.2020 sworn to before Notary **P. Nanjunda**, at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ITANKAR YOGINI ARUN** D/o **Arun Itankar,** R/at No. SRI Durga P.G, 10th main, KEB Layout, New Gurappanapalya, BTM 1st Stage, Bangalore-560029 have changed my name to **AYESHA** vide affidavit dated: 28/07/2020 before Notary **L. Puttaraju** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, (OLD NAME) **GEETIKA GOPALDAS AGRAWAL,** Residing at No. 001, Salarpuria Cambridge Residency, Someshwarapura, Jogupalya, HAL 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560008, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) GEETIKA SHARAD GOYAL** vide affidavit Dated 29/07/2020 sworn before Notary B.M.Chandrashekar, Bangalore.

ANNOUNCEMENT
I, **RICHA MEHROTRA,** D/o. Rajeev Mehrotra, aged about 29 years, residing at No. 322/15, Surangi Tola Chowk, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh - 226 003, Now Residing at No. 6, 1st Cross, Opp. to Canara Bank, Dommasandra Circle, Sarjapura Main Road, Bangalore - 562 125, I declare that, I do hereby solemnly affirm and state on without any comments, undue influence, coercion and without any force now I embraced ISLAM and also my name has been added as RIDA FATIMA and henceforth my name is called as **RIDA FATIMA @ RICHA MEHROTRA.** Vide affidavit dated 14-07-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary Vijayamurthy R. Sonde, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MURGESH.M,** S/o. Muniswamy.M, R/a, No. 104, Site No. 30, Shathavartha Enclave, 1st Cross, K.R. Garden, Murugesh Palya, Bangalore - 560 017, declare that my name is wrongly mentioned as **Murgesh Naidu** instead of **Murgesh. M,** and my wife name is wrongly mentioned as **Bharathi,** instead of **Bharathi. G,** in my son, Chandra Sagar. M, ICSE Class 10 Mark Sheet. I Intended to rectify the same vide affidavit dated: 29.07.2020, sworn before Advocate & Notary, A.R. Muneer Ahmed, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, S. KHADER BEE, W/o ALLA BAKASH, aged about 37 years, R/at No.697, 11th Cross, West of Chord Road, Indira Nagar, Bangalore-560010, have changed my name from **KAADER BEE** to **S. KHADER BEE.** Vide affidavit dated: 28/7/2020 sworn before Notary S.R. Deepa Srinivas, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHARATH KURUBA,** son of MANJUNATH M., aged about 17 years, R/o. No. 47, Malleshpalya Main Road, Maruthi Nagar, Bengaluru 560075, Karnataka, India, hereby declare that my family members changed my name from **RAKSHITH M.** to **SHARATH KURUBA.** Vide affidavit dated 24-07-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary M. Rajendra, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Neelam Gosain** (old name) aged about 58 Years, R/at No. 105, Sai Murali Comforts, 3rd Cross, BEML Main Road, Channasandra, Rajarajeshwari nagara, Bangalore - 560098, Karnataka, India, have changed my name as **NEELAM DEVESHWAR** (New name) vide affidavit dated 29.07.2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary Ravi, Bangalore

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Thank you for blessings and favours granted. Seek your blessings always.
PUNIT, SHOBHA, NARESH.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **HITESH MUKUND JOSHI,** S/o. Mukund Champalal Joshi, Aged: 44 yrs, R/a: Flat No. 5002, Sunanda Nandi Deepa Apartments, Off. Bannerghatta Road, Doddakammanahalli, Bangalore - 560 076, Karnataka, India have changed my name from **HITESH JOSHI** (Old Name) to **HITESH MUKUND JOSHI** (New Name), vide affidavit dated: 29.07.2020, sworn before Advocate & Notary, B.M. Chandrashekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, LAVANYA PUTTASWAMY GOWDA, Spouse of No. 16112252W, SPR/ACP HAV Puttaswamy Gowda.R, residing at Hosamanehalli, Bennur (Post) Belur (TK) Hassan (Dist) Karnataka (State) PIN:573115, have changed my name from **LAVANYA PUTTASWAMY GOWDA** to **LAVANYA** vide affidavit Dated 28/07/2020 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan, Bangalore.

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ನಮ್ಮ ಕಕ್ಷಿದಾರರಾದ ಶ್ರೀಮತಿ ರಾಜೇಶ್ವರಿ ಮತ್ತು ಇತರರು, ಬೃಹತ್ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ವಾರ್ಡ್ ನಂ. 72 ರ ಗಿಡದಕೋನೇನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸರ್ವೇ ನಂ.38/2, ಹೊಸ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 48 ರಲ್ಲಿ 3 ಎಕರೆ 11 ಗುಂಟೆಗೆ ಬಿ.ಡಿ.ಎ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಶುಲ್ಕವನ್ನು ಕಟ್ಟಿ 1991 ರಲ್ಲಿ ಒಟ್ಟು 42 ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ವಿಂಗಡಿಸಿದ ಮೂಲ ಭೂ ಮಾಲೀಕರಿಂದ ಎಲ್ಲಾ 42 ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ಖರೀದಿ ಮಾಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಸದರಿ ಸರ್ವೇ ನಂ. 48ರಲ್ಲಿ 42 ನಿವೇಶನಗಳನ್ನು ಖರೀದಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ನಿವೇಶನದಾರರು 1991 ರಿಂದಲೂ ಅವರವರ ನಿವೇಶನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ವಾಧೀನಾನುಭವದಲ್ಲಿದ್ದು ಮಾಲೀಕರಾಗಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.
ಸದರಿ ಗಿಡದಕೋನೇನಹಳ್ಳಿ ಸರ್ವೇ ನಂ. 38/2, ಹೊಸ ಸರ್ವೇ ನಂ. 48 ಜಮೀನಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಭೂಗಳ್ಳರು, ಭೂ ಮಾಫಿಯದವರು ನಕಲಿ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸೃಷ್ಟಿಸಿ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ಮಾರಾಟ ಮಾಡಿ ವಂಚಿಸಲು ಪ್ರಯತ್ನಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆ, ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ 3 ಎಕರೆ 11 ಗುಂಟೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ 1. ಪಿ. ರಮೇಶ್, 2. ಕೃಷ್ಣಮೂರ್ತಿ, 3. ವಿಜಯಮ್ಮ, 4. ಶೆಟ್ಟಪ್ಪ, 5. ಕುಮಾರಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಇವರುಗಳು ಸರ್ವೇ ನಂ.38/2, ಹೊಸ ಸರ್ವೇ ನಂ. 48 ರ 3 ಎಕರೆ 11 ಗುಂಟೆ ಜಾಗವನ್ನು ನಕಲಿ ದಾಖಲೆ ಸೃಷ್ಟಿಸಿ ಸರ್ವೇ ನಂ. 48/2, 48/3 ಮತ್ತು 48/4 ಎಂದು ಪೋಡಿ ಮಾಡಿಸಿ ಖರು ಮಾರಾಟ ಮಾಡಲು ಮುಂದಾಗಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಅಲ್ಲದೇ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಐದು ಜನರು ಯಾವುದೇ ಜಮೀನಿನ ಅಥವಾ ನಿವೇಶನದ ಮಾಲೀಕರಾಗಿರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಇವರಿಗೆ ಮಾರಾಟ, ಅಡಮಾನ ಇತ್ಯಾದಿ ಮಾಡುವ ಯಾವುದೇ ಹಕ್ಕು ಇರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ, ಅಲ್ಲದೇ ಇವರಿಂದ ಖರೀದಿಸಿದವರಿಗೆ ಅಡಮಾನ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡ ಹಣಕಾಸು ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ ಅಥವ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ಹಕ್ಕು ಇರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ, ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಈ ಮೇಲೆ ಹೇಳಿದ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಗಳಿಂದ ಖರೀದಿ ಮಾಡಿದವರಿಗೆ ನಿವೇಶನದಾರರಾಗಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಮೂಲ ನಿವೇಶನದಾರರಿಂದ ನಿವೇಶನ ಖರೀದಿಸಿ ಮನೆ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಮಾಡಿರುವವರಾಗಲಿ ಅಲ್ಲದೇ ಇವರೆಲ್ಲರೂ ಸೇರಿ ಕಟ್ಟಿಕೊಂಡಿರುವ ನಿಸರ್ಗ ಬಡಾವಣೆಯ ಕ್ಷೇಮಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಸಂಘದವರಾಗಲಿ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರರಲ್ಲ.
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ವಕೀಲರು, ನಂ. 65, 3ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, 2ನೇ ಕ್ರಾಸ್,
4ನೇ ಮುಖ್ಯ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಗಾಂಧಿನಗರ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು-560009.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
This is hereby cautioned and informed the general public that, our client Sri.B.Maheshwari, W/o Sri. K. Boopathy, R/at No. 1019, 24th Main, HSR Layout, 1st Sector, Bangalore-560 102, has claimed her one 1/3rd share in the property bearing Apartment No.04, in the 1st Floor, Western wing of Swamy Corner with super built-up area of 1210 sqft, with 1 car parking space in bearing No.5, in the basement and proportionate 11.46% of undivided share, right, title and interest in the land equivalent to 45 Sqft situated in the property bearing municipal No.262/16, (Earlier No.264), 11th Cross, 8th Main, Wilson Garden, Bangalore - 560 027, the BBMP Khata No.16/3 and PID No.62-115-16/3 and bounded accordingly in O.S.No. 2829/2020 filed before the Hon'ble City Civil Court Bangalore for partition and such other relief as prayed in the suit against (1)Smt. Sheshalatha @ Nasareen Jadabaee, W/o.Syed Hesmathulla Jadabaee R/at No.77, 8th Cross, Wilson Garden, Bangalore - 27, (2) Smt. C.M. Lalithakumari, W/o.Late Sri. C. Mahadevarao Naidu, R/at No.77, 8th Cross, Wilson Garden, Bangalore - 27 (3) Sri.C.M.Jitendra Kumar, who are the defendants in the said suit. The Hon'ble Court also granted interim relief of injunction restraining the defendants from alienating or transferring the above said property to any third person/s by creating third party interest in the title and revenue records. Our client also noticed that, the above said defendants again are making serious attempts to sell the above said property to the third persons, hence this public notice cautioning the general public not to purchase or deal with the above described property in any manner and if any unlawful transfer made by any person, which are not binding on our client and our client is not responsible for such unlawful transactions in any manner.
M/s Lex Scientia, Advocates
No 137, 7th Main, BTM Layout,
I Stage, Bangalore - 560 029.
Bangalore, Date: 28/07/2020

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Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
421.82 ▼	Sensex	38,071.13	₹25 ▲	24 carat (1 gm)	₹5,270	₹50 ▲	Per kg	₹66,050	▼ Dollar		74.8
97.70 ▼	Nifty	11,202.85	₹25 ▲	22 carat (1 gm)	₹5,150	₹0.05 ▲	Per gm	₹66.05	▲ Euro		87.91

Will RBI cut key interest rates further?

JAYANTA ROY CHOWDHURY @ New Delhi

WHEN the Reserve Bank's Monetary Policy Committee meets next week the big dilemma before it will be whether it should cut rates to spur economic activity, which has seen been shrinking, or will it pause in a bid to control inflation which has gone way beyond its stated tolerance level.

India's GDP for the year is widely expected by most economists including Former RBI deputy Governor Viral Acharya to shrink by 5-10 per cent , with the largest impact being felt in the first two quarters of the fiscal year.

Under these circumstances, the market is betting on a quarter per cent rate cut. The repo rate or the overnight lending rate to banks by the central bank is already at a low of 4 per cent, while the reverse repo or the rate at which RBI borrows from banks is at 3.75 per cent. For the entire year, experts are predicting about 50-75 basis points cut.

North Bloc, too, is supportive of further cuts in the lending rate as the transmission has been better in the post-Lockdown period and industry is clamouring for cheap money as it reopens.

Many economists, however, are cautious about a rate cut. "Besides the fact that we have to be cautious about inflation, we have to realise that the RBI has released a lot of liquidity into the system. Ideally, the central bank should be working on channelising that money into productive uses," N R Bhanumurthy, vice- chancellor of the Dr B R Ambedkar School of Economics, said."Right now much of the demand for credit is coming from the government sector, we need to channelise that into the productive sector," Bhanumurthy added.

So far in 2020, the RBI has cut its key lending rate by an aggressive 115 basis points. Economists argue its time for a pause. However, earlier this week, Governor Shaktikanta Das had said that it is still uncertain when supply gains would be restored and "how long will it take for demand to normalise and what kind of durable effects will the pandemic leave behind on our potential growth?" This is being read by many as an indication that the RBI will maintain its hawkish posture and cut rates further.

RATE CUTS

115 bps Policy repo cut by the RBI so far this year

135 bps Rate cuts in 2019 over five successive rate meetings

Consumer Price Index grew 6.09% in June, way above the RBI's target of 2-4%

Airtel losses at ₹15,933 cr on massive AGR provision

The telco, however, saw its India revenue go up 14.6% year-on-year

JONATHAN ANANDA @ New Delhi

WHILE most analysts had expected telecom major Bharti Airtel to pare its losses during the quarter ended June 30, 2020 (Q1 FY21), the company has seen the opposite. Primarily due to the recognition of yet another large provision for AGR dues. According to quarterly financial statements released Wednesday, Airtel's consolidated net losses have increased to ₹15,933 crore—over five-fold compared to Q1 of the previous fiscal year and nearly three times larger than the ₹5,237 crore recorded in the previous quarter.

The widening loss comes despite the continuing general improvement in the company's operational metrics. Its Average Revenue Per User (ARPU) rose from ₹129 at the end of March 2020 to ₹159 at the end of June; its India revenues rose 14.6 per cent and consolidated revenues by 15.4 per cent year-on-year; EBITDA rose 25.3 per cent; and it recorded a profit before tax of ₹372 crore against a loss of ₹1,530 crore in Q1 of the previous fiscal.

However, with a Supreme Court order issued late June clearly ruling out any re-calculation or re-assessment of telcos' liable AGR dues, the company has now recognised yet another liability arising from the case as an exceptional item.

"The Group has further recorded an incremental provision of ₹10,744.4 crore (including net interest on total provision created considering interest rate as per the affidavit filed by DoT on March 16, 2020 with effect from the date of Court Judgment)," it said.

The ongoing pandemic has not had much of an effect on Airtel's balances during the quarter, telecom being one of the few sectors to have largely, if not completely, escaped negative consequences.

"Data traffic growth surged by ~73% YoY even as 4G net additions slowed down to two million caused by supply chain shocks in the device ecosystem," said Gopal Vittal, MD and CEO, India & South Asia, Bharti Airtel.

PHARMA

Dr. Reddy's profit dips 13% on lower sales

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

DR Reddy's Laboratories on Wednesday reported a 12.6 percent year-on-year (YoY) drop in consolidated net profit at ₹579 crore for the quarter ended June 2020. The profit in the corresponding quarter of last fiscal stood at ₹662.8 crore which was boosted by the settlement claim of ₹345.7 crore received from Celgene in April 2019 for a cancer drug.

Revenue from operations during Q1 FY21 stood at ₹4,418 crore, up 15 per cent YoY. Gross margin came at 56 percent in Q1FY21, up 430 bps over the previous year against 51.7 per cent in Q1 FY20 and up 450 bps against 51.5 per cent in Q4 FY20.

On the front of segment wise revenue, the India market saw a de-growth of 10 per cent YoY while the Europe market grew 48 percent YoY. North America and Emerging Markets grew 6 percent and 9 per cent, respectively. "The current quarter's financial performance has been strong across all parameters despite the challenging times," said co-chairman & managing director, G V Prasad.

"We have started integration of the acquired business from Wockhardt and executed two important licencing arrangements for treatment options for COVID-19. We are now working towards bringing both these drugs to multiple markets," he added,

Aviation woes: SpiceJet's existence in question; IndiGo posts record Q1 loss

ARSHAD KHAN @New Delhi

WEDNESDAY turned out to be a gloomy day for India's aviation sector as two leading airlines —IndiGo and SpicetJet — reported record quarterly losses. IndiGo posted its biggest quarterly loss at ₹2,844 crore during Q1 of FY21, while SpiceJet's net loss was at ₹807.08 crore for the quarter ended March 31 FY20. Both airlines blamed the Covid-19 pandemic for their dismal performance.

While the two figures are for two different quarters and does not put performance of the airlines in the same league, it certainly speaks of the deep crises faced by the industry, especially SpiceJet. The carrier's auditor in a note has raised significant doubt on the company's existence as a going concern. "We draw attention to Note 11 in the standalone Ind AS financial statements which, indicate that the company has accumulated losses and its net worth has been fully eroded, the company has incurred a net loss during the current and previous year and, the company's current liabilities exceeded its current assets as at the balance sheet date," auditor SR Batliboi & Associates LLP, said.

"These conditions, along with other matters... cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue as a going concern," it added.

Promoter Ajay Singh, however, is optimistic about the future of his airline. Singh said that two key factors that had adversely impacted SpiceJet's performance was the COVID-19 pandemic that started affecting demand from mid-February and grounding of the 737 MAX, which has been out of service for over a year now. "... I'm confident that things will only improve in the times to come."

As for IndiGo, its number one priority remains its cash balance. The carrier said it had a total cash balance of ₹18,449.8 crore. It has already reduced its workforce by 10 per cent and is implementing steeper paycuts to offset the impact of Covid-19 on its revenue.

Maruti in the red, posts net loss of ₹249 cr in Q1

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA's largest carmaker Maruti Suzuki India (Ltd) on Wednesday reported a net loss of ₹249.4 crore during the quarter ended June, primarily as production and sales activity remained closed for the most part of the three month period. It had reported a net profit of ₹1,435.5 crore during the same quarter last year.

Analysts had estimated the four-wheeler maker to report losses to the tune of ₹350-450 crore for the quarter. MSIL said losses were partially offset by lower operating expenses and higher fair-value gain on the invested surplus.

"Owing to the global pandemic of COVID-19, it was an unprecedented quarter in the company's history wherein a large part of the quarter had zero production and zero sales in compliance with a lockdown stipulated by the government," MSIL said in a statement, adding production and sales started in staggered manner from May.

During the quarter, the company registered net sales of ₹3,677.5 crore, as against ₹18,735.2 crore a year ago. MSIL sold a total of 76,599 vehicles during the quarter as against 4,02,594 vehicles sold in the same quarter a year ago. Sales in the domestic market stood at 67,027 units, while exports were at 9,572 units.

Myntra enters Middle East market, eyes 5X growth in 2 years

BISMAH MALIK @Bengaluru

FLIPKART-backed online fashion retailer Myntra has announced its plans to tap international markets by launching several Indian brands in UAE. This is being done through partnership with UAE's e-commerce platforms, *noon.com* and *namshi.com*, which are a part of the Emmar group conglomerate.

Noon is a horizontal e-commerce platform with offerings in multiple categories, while Namshi is a vertical platform, focussing primarily on premium fashion. The brands that have been launched on Noon are, Dressberry, Mast & Harbour, Moda Rapido, Here & Now, Sztori and HRX, while Namshi will list Dressberry, Mast & Harbour, Wrogn and HRX, over the next few weeks. These brands and styles were chosen based on regional trends and consumer preferences, Myntra said in a statement.

The Bengaluru-based Myntra has partnered with more than 3,000 fashion and lifestyle brands in India with services across over 27,000 pincodes across the country. With its entry into the Middle-East, Myntra's focus will be on on casual wear categories, which form a major portion of the business in its domestic market. The athleisure (athletics and leisure clothing) category has seen a huge spike in demand during the ongoing pandemic.

"This marks the next phase of growth for Myntra. Our research identified high levels of potential channels across the globe in the online fashion segment. The Middle East stood out in terms of the audience's demographic profile and similarity in fashion preferences of Indian origin. We are looking forward to a 5X growth from the partnership over the next two years," said Amar Nagaram, chief executive officer at Myntra.

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Amar Nagaram, CEO, Myntra

'Central bankers must question the fiscal path'

CONTINUED FROM PG 1

FORMER Deputy Governor of RBI Viral Acharya is of the firm view that even global central bankers should raise questions about countries' fiscal path because if it isn't in shape, pressure yields on central bank policies. And when financial stability endangers the mandate of the RBI in protecting depositors, inflation credibility, and external sector, the need for a debate doubles up.

"In my view, central bankers should speak. I did speak, I did raise these debates internally, and I did write a speech about it. All central bankers not just in India need to raise questions about fiscal path," he opined.

Asked why economists and governors discover voice only after demitting office (Raghuram Rajan or Arvind Subramanian to name a few), Acharya was quick: "I haven't been a Governor. I shouldn't hazard a guess but I fully understand the pressure because there's a big difference between being on the 19th floor and being on the 18th floor of the RBI. Nevertheless, my issue is to do with democratic accountability."

As for invoking the controversial Section 7 of the RBI Act, the bone of contention, he explains that if in public interest the government wants to invoke Section 7 due to disagreements with the the central bank, there has to be a public debate about it. So if there was voice and dissent, could demonetisation episode have been averted? "It's a googly and outside the offstump...and I am not going to play it," he replied with a chuckle but quickly added that when such extraordinary actions are taken, as per the RBI Act, they should be backed by publicly disclosed reports explaining the reason for the deviation.

"Those have to be laid out in a transparent manner for everyone to see because the very process of being precise, of being asked to write a public document that's going to be vetted by everyone will make you think twice, thrice, four times of taking an extraordinary decision. I understand, we have to act wise, but we also have to act right and both these things should be given equal importance," he stressed.

TODAY'S STOCK PICK

Current Price ₹604.6

Target Price ₹695

M&M

Mahindra & Mahindra is witnessing a generational shift, both in its core business (led by agri reforms) and in leadership. We believe M&M's valuations reflect (a) challenges of the Passenger UV business, and (b) lack of major changes on its capital allocation policy. Any positive surprise in the SUV busines should act as re-rating.

—Motilal Oswal Financial Services

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EXPRESS READ

Edtech platform Toppr raises ₹350 crore

New Delhi: Toppr announced on Wednesday that it has received ₹350 crore ($46 million) as a part of the Series D funding round led by Dubai-based investment firm, Foundation holdings. The existing investors, Kaizen Private equity also participated in the fresh funding round. Mumbai-headquartered Toppr said in a statement that the cumulative capital now raised is ₹700 crore, which will be used to fuel its AI learning platform with over 1.3 crore registered students.

B Ramesh Babu to head Karur Vysya Bank

New Delhi: Karur Vysya Bank (KVB) on Wednesday said B Ramesh Babu has assumed charge as the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the bank with effect from July 29, 2020. He was co-opted as an additional director in the Board meeting held on July 20 and appointed as the MD and CEO of the Bank for a period of 3 years from the date of taking charge, on the terms and conditions approved by the Reserve Bank of India, the bank said in a release.

EXPORTS

Digital platforms fuel revival of crisis-hit leather industry

BINITA JAISWAL @Chennai

VIRTUAL events have become buzzword after the outbreak of Covid- 19 and the leather sector, which was badly affected due to the lockdown and cancellationof export orders, is utilising the online platform to attract global customers.

The industry has witnessed significant recovery in June and they are expecting that these virtual events will further lead to its revival.

The Council forLeather Exports (CLE) is organising virtual leather fairs, exhibitions and B2Bmeetings in different countries with support of Indian Embassies. So far, the virtual fairs have been organised in Korea and Vietnam and soon events will be held in Russia and Peru. Aqeel Ahmed Panaruna, Chairman, Council for Leather Exports, said exports are showing good signs of recovery and they are trying to use the opportunity by venturing into new export markets with these virtual events.

"Exports of leather, leather products and footwear in June recorded about 60 per cent of last year's exports. This is a significant turnaround and very good news, as the sector is still under semi-lockdown and had achieved only 17 per cent of last year's exports in April and May," said Panaruna. He expects the exports to be back to normal from September onwards and said despite the current setback there is still huge opportunity for the sector. "India remains a preferred sourcing destination for major markets in the USA and Europe. We are focussing on signingMoUs with different footwear distributors, retailers and fashion associationsin the US to strengthen our position in the market," said the CLE chairman. The council is confident that it will be able to reach $5 billion exports in FY21.

TVS Motor to focus on global markets for its next phase of growth

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Chennai

TVS Motor, two-wheeler and three-wheeler manufacturer, will be focussing on strengthening its exports and international business for the next three to five years. Along with entering new overseas markets, the Chennai-based firm aims to improve exports from its Indonesia plant, which posted a positive EBITDA of $750,000 for the full year against a loss of $3 million in FY19.

Addressing the company's AGM on Wednesday, chairman and managing director, Venu Srinivasan said the international business of TVS Motor has grown by 7 per cent in 2019-20, compared to 16.6 per cent in 2018-19. "The company has a long term strategic partnership with BMW and has produced 72,000 units of BMW 310 motorcycles under the collaboration. TVS has also acquired Norton motorcycles which has enhanced its global portfolio bringing in complimentary products, segments, markets in the super premium category," said Srinivasan. TVS has long-term plans to increase its presence in the overseas market.

"We will consolidate our presence in Africa and Latin America and improve our market share in some of the countries where we have scope for improvement. For next three to five years we will be focussing on international side of the business by improving market share, ensuring customer satisfaction and entering new markets," Sudarshan Venu, who is the joint managing director, added.

On the covid-19 impact on the business, Srinivasan said that domestic demand was down last year due to lower GDP and product prices rose by nearly 30 per cent in the last 18-24 months due to GST, emission norm changes and insurance cost. The pandemic further worsened the woes. However, the second quarter looks to be good, he added.

ENGLISH OPENING TO MARK INDIAN RESTART

Sharma first sportsperson to travel after lockdown for event abroad

SWAROOP SWAMINATHAN
@Chennai

EARLIER this week, Shubhankar Sharma became the first Indian sportsperson to fly out of the country to take part in a competitive event. On Thursday, the 24-year-old will tee off at the English Open at the Marriott Forest of Arden in Birmingham.

Sharma entered a special bio-bubble, created by the European Tour, to enable the meet to go ahead, as soon as he touched down at Birmingham. Even before entering the bubble he was subject to two Covid-19 tests. "He flew out of Delhi yesterday morning, before leaving Chandigarh he had one test," his father Mohan told this daily on Wednesday. "He had another test upon landing at Birmingham."

As part of the bubble, Sharma will be allowed only to visit the hotel and the course. "The European Tour has created this bubble and all he can do is wake up in his room, go to the course and come back to his room," Mohan added.

Golfer Shubhankar Sharma will tee off at the English Open on Thursday

"Needed almost a space suit to reach Birmingham, guys. But once in the bubble, life is back to normal. Some passion and planning by the @EuropeanTour," Sharma had tweeted on Tuesday night.

Sharma will take part in five consecutive events. After the English Open, he will play the English Championship (Hertfordshire), Celtic Classic and the Wales Open (both in Newport) before rounding out his assignments with an appearance at the UK Championship at Sutton Coldfield. All these events are part of the European Tour and will be held in a bio bubble.

This could give Sharma an advantage to sneak up on the world rankings. After being in the top 70 in March 2018, his ranking has steadily fallen to 316. But do well in the next few weeks and he could well leapfrog the likes of Shiv Kapur (World No 315), Udayan Mane (236) and Rashid Khan (201). Easier said than done because Sharma, in 2020, has not been in form. In the six events that he has featured in, he missed the cut in four.

Even as other Indians on the European Tour — Gaganjeet Bhullar and SSP Chawrasia — said they will skip it because of travel concerns, Sharma, while speaking to this daily earlier this month, said he was game. "It's a risk but I'm open to taking that risk," he had said. "It might take a long time till the vaccine comes out so this is going to be the norm. We just need to take precautions and be safe."

The first part is complete. Now to rediscover his touch for the course.

Bhatia announces retirement at 40

Domestic veteran Rajat Bhatia on Wednesday announced retirement from all forms of cricket. The 40-year-old all-rounder started his career with Tamil Nadu in 2003-04 but played most of his cricket for Delhi. Bhatia played 112 first class games, scoring 6,482 runs at an average of 49.10 apart from taking 137 wickets. He also played 119 List A games and 146 T20s.

Going got tougher after Test status: Porterfield

VENKATA KRISHNA B @Chennai

TWO summers have gone since Ireland gained Test status, which was seen by many as a delayed decision, especially going by how Bangladesh got fast-tracked. They came close to an upset in their maiden Test against Pakistan. They then lost to Afghanistan before coming close to a miracle at Lord's last year, which eventually turned forgettable as they were bowled out for 38.

Life with elites was what Ireland wanted for years. But since entering the club, it has been anything but easy. Even before the coronavirus turned the world upside down, Cricket Ireland was neck deep in financial crisis. After hosting a Test match at Dublin cost them around one million Euros, they were forced to cancel the one-off fixture against Bangladesh (before the pandemic) and Tests against Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe. Cricket Ireland also had to call off a five-match series against Afghanistan. Had the T20 World Cup been held as scheduled, Ireland would have gone with practically no matches under their belt.

"We knew it was going to be tough after gaining Test status. Test status doesn't mean everything has become easier. It is actually very hard from a financial point of view. It takes a lot to organise Test matches. I'm not a financial expert, but I know from outside the board makes significant losses to host Tests" Ireland Test captain William Porterfield told this daily from Southampton.

"When we started we didn't really have any contract and it is no secret that a lot of us relied on county cricket to get the standard of cricket that was required to play at the international level. So to have zero contract to this in my playing career is a great testament to what is going on behind the scenes. We just have to be patient," said the opener.

Thursday will be a big occasion for Ireland. They face England in the first of three ODIs that kick off the Super League, which is a qualifier for the 2023 World Cup. "The volume of cricket ahead of us is massive, especially with qualification to the 2023 World Cup around. We unfortunately missed out last time which was hard to take as a group. There are seven spots up for the grabs and we want to be one of those."

Full report on newindianexpress.com
Live on Sony Six, 6.30 pm onwards.

EXPRESS READ

Anand goes down in Legends chess

CHENNAI: Viswanathan Anand crashed to his seventh defeat in the $150,000 Legends of Chess online tournament, going down 0.5-2.5 to World No 3 Ding Liren in the eighth round. He lies last in the table with six points with Liren and Peter Leko. The duo settled for a 47-move draw in the second before Liren sealed victory in the third game. The 50-year-old takes on Vasyl Ivanchuk in the ninth and final round.

BAN REDUCED

Pakistan batsman Umar Akmal's three-year ban for failing to report corruption was reduced to 18 months | AFP

Foreign coaches in athletics still await contract extension

INDRANEEL DAS @Chennai

IT'S a tricky situation for Athletics Federation of India (AFI) and its 10 coaches and support staff. It is learnt the AFI sent a second letter to Sports Authority of India (SAI) on Tuesday, requesting it to renew visas that are about to expire by August 31 and September 7.

The AFI had sent a letter two weeks earlier requesting SAI to extend contracts of 10 foreign coaches and support staff. SAI sources maintain that a review of athletics coaches is in progress.

Among those whose visa expires are women's 400m coach Galina Bukharina, javelin coaches Uwe Hohn and Bartonieetz Klaus, men's 400m and hurdles and 4x100m coach Stashuk Valeri, heptathlon coach Anatoly Fatheyw and walking coach Alexander. Support staff includes masseurs Emira Kiseleva, Dimitry, Ugin V. Contract extension is due for almost the same names other than the support staff. Curiously, Fatheyw doesn't have any established heptathlete training under him.

Recently, SAI extended contracts of 32 foreign coaches and support staff from wrestling (1 coach), boxing (2 coaches), badminton (4 coaches and 4 sparring partners), hockey (3 coaches, 3 analytical coaches, 2 scientific advisors and 1 physio), shooting (3 coaches), diving (1), table tennis (1), yachting (1), judo (1), football (3) and basketball (2). However, SAI did not release the names of athletics coaches and support staff whose contracts will be extended. It is learnt SAI is checking the performance of 2-3 coaches.

The AFI wants to retain coaches saying due to the Covid-19 situation, it would be difficult to find new coaches. With Olympics being next year, continuity is another factor. Interestingly, jumps coach Bedros Bedrosian, who went on leave to Romania on July 18, was supposed to return by now. He is yet to return and has requested the AFI to extend his visa that expires on August 31. The AFI said it might not be possible in short notice.

As pools remain shut, KSA set for emergency meeting today

ASHIM SUNAM @Bengaluru

BE it unlock 1, 2 or 3, the swimmers have been left disappointed. The Ministry of Home Affairs issued fresh guidelines (unlock 3.0) on Wednesday and maintained that the swimming pools will continue to remain closed. The Karnataka Swimming Association (KSA), after learning about it, has called for an emergency meeting on Thursday to discuss the way forward.

"I have called an emergency meeting of the KSA executive committee tomorrow (Thursday). I want to take everyone's opinion in the meeting and then, we will take it up with the Swimming Federation of India (SFI) and Indian Olympic Association (IOA). We will find out ways to take the sport forward, help find a solution for swimmers to train" KSA president Gopal Hosur told this daily.

With pools shut since March, elite India swimmers are at a loss, including Srihari Nataraj, who has not been inside a pool ever since the start of lockdown. The backstroke specialist, who has attained Olympic B qualification, was left surprised with government allowing gyms to operate from August 5. "Isn't gyms far riskier than swimming pools?," queried Srihari, who hopes to train in the pool soon. "I am at a loss of words. Swimmers in Australia, US and other places are training. But we are not."

Now, it would be interesting to see SFI's stance as the body is said to be mulling on having a camp for Olympic hopefuls outside India. Besides Srihari, Virdhawal Khade, Sajan Prakash, Kushagra Rawat, Aryan Makhija, Advait Page have attained B qualification mark for Tokyo.

Dronacharya award-winning coach Nihar Ameen is not too upbeat about the idea. "What happens to swimming in the country when you take five-six swimmers outside? The entire sport and industry will die. The coaches, sport fraternity in India...how are we going to survive? Also, even if they are taken out of India, air travel is also not too safe. Have to think about that too."

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY
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No. RE-Ten-Civ-LKO-G349-MKU06 **Dated 28.07.2020**

Dy. Chief Engineer, Railway Electrification, Lucknow acting for & on behalf of the President of India invites **E-Tender** for the works mentioned below.

S. No.		
	Name of work	Provision of 33 units staff quarters (20 units type II, 09 units Type III, 04 units Type IV) and other miscellaneous works in between Mahoba - Udaipura section of North Central Railway in Gr-349.
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2.	Tender Type	Open
3.	Period of Completion	12 Months
4.	Advertised Value	₹ 75530011.31
5.	Earnest Money	₹ 527700.00
6.	Tender Closing Date Time	21.08.2020 15.00 hrs.
7.	Validity of Offer (Days)	45
8.	Bidding System	Single Packet System
9.	Date & time for submission of E-Tender and opening of tender	Tender may be uploaded upto **15.00** hrs. on **21.08.2020** on IREPS web site **www.ireps.gov.in.** The bidder can participate in the E-tender, the tender will be opened after 15.00 hrs. on **21.08.2020**
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KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer,
(Metro Rail Project), No.14/3, 1st Floor, Aravindha Bavana Building, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru-560001

No. : KIADB/LAQ/METRO/R1E/2020-21 Date: 29.07.2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

(Under Section 28(2) of KIAD Act)

It is hereby given publication for the information of the public that the KARANATAKA INDUSRTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD. Bengaluru has proposed to acquire the following scheduled properties for the purpose of 2nd Phase of METRO RAIL PROJECT. The Preliminary Notification Under Section 1(3), 3(1) & 28(1) in this behalf is issued vide Notification No: CI 130 SPQ 2020 Bengaluru dated 30.06.2020 by the Government of Karnataka and the same has already been published in the Karnataka Gazette dated **30.06.2020**

All the absolute owners and interested persons in the Schedule properties specified below shall file their OBJECTIONS IF ANY to the undersigned , Notice u/s 28(2) of KIAD Act, has already been served to the notified Khatedar/Anubhavdar, interested persons. As some of the property owners refused to receive the notice and address of some of the Khatedars are not available, notices could not be served. Hence, this notice is published in the News papers to provide opportunity to them.

Any contracts for the disposal of the said lands by sale. Mortgage, Assignment, Exchange or otherwise or any improvement made therein without prior permission of the competent authority, KIAD Act 1966 will be disregarded while assessing compensation for such parts of the said lands as may be finally acquired.

The map of the area comprised therein and the notification specifying the lands which is proposed to be acquired may be verified in the Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, KIADB, (Metro Rail Project) Bengaluru during the office hours on all working days. Enquiry is fixed on 03.08.2020 at 11.00 AM in the Office of the Special Land Acquisition Officer, K.I.A.D.B. (Metro Rail Project), No. 14/3, 1st Floor, Aravindha Bhavana Building, Bengaluru. Interested persons are hereby requested to be present with relevant documents. Failing which, further action will be taken in accordance with law.

SCHEDULE

Enquiry Date: 03.08.2020 **Time: 11.00 am**
Village: Vijinapura **Hobli: Mahadevapura** **Taluk: Bengaluru East** **Dist: Bengaluru**

Sl. No.	Property Owner	I.D. No.	B.B.M.P. Property No.	L.A/CT Sy.No.	Area acquired (Sq.Mtr)
1	Bhimladevi W/o T.R. Agarwal	KRRW-18/1	Khatha No.39, Sy.No.86/315	86/1	394.74
2	Delphin Alexander S/o. Late P.C. John	KRRW-17/2	281/893/1/842	86/2	393.20
3	Dr. Pallavi V.R. W/o. Dr. C Ramachandra	KRRW-16/3	PID No. 26/26/216/26	86/3	199.69
4	(1) Jahir Khatoon W/o. Sarpaj Ahamed (2) Sarpaj Ahmed S/o. Mohammed	KRRW-16/4	Khatha No.54 Site No.2	87	73.48
5	(1) Jahir Khatoon W/o. Sarpaj Ahamed (2) Sarpaj Ahmed S/o. Mohammed Ishaq	KRRW-16/5	Khatha No.54 Site No.1	87	30.84
6	Syed Nadeem S/o. Syed Bashir	KRRW-16/6	786/Katha No.432	87	71.37
7	S.Nithya Sukumar W/o. P Sukumar	KRRW-16/7	786/4	87	41.80
8	Syed Nadeem S/o Syed Bashir	KRRW-16/8	Khatha 432	87	65.85
9	Syed Ismail Jahid S/o Syed Mamtaj Ahmed Pasha	KRRW-16/9	Khatha No.149	87	28.89
10	Jarina W/o V.M. Abdul Salam	KRRW-16/10	87/709/1/1A/2,3	87	57.57
11	Syed Sameena Masur S/o Syed Mamataj Ahmed Pasha	KRRW-15/11	Site No.1,1A, 2 & 4	87	57.34
12	Syed Ismail Jahid S/o Syed Mamtaj Ahmed Pasha	KRRW-15/12	1-A/2 & 3	87	55.79
13	(1) H. Bhavarilal (2) M Singaram Pillevargane (3) M. Muninarayana (4) Bheema W/o. Lakephe	KRRW-14/13	-	87	41.28
14	Nasrina Bhanu D/o Mohamed Sanaulla Khan	KRRW-14/14	Panchayath Khatha No.765 House List No.2	87	41.46
15	Babu Reddy D. S/o T. Srinivas Reddy	KRRW-14/15	Khatha No.863 Site No.3	87	41.00
16	D. Tulasidas S/o Late: M. Dasappa	KRRW-14/16	Sl.No.906	87	41.71
17	(1) Syed Jaffar S/o Syed Mahaboob Pasha (2) Abida Begum W/o.Syed Jaffar	KRRW-14/17	Khatha No.226	87	78.10
18	Taheera B W/o. Mohammed Ameer	KRRW-14/18	-	87	52.60
19	(1) Syed Suhel Ahammed S/o. Iqbal Pasha (2) Syed Paijal Ahmed S/o Syed Iqbal Pasha	KRRW-14/19	87/154	87	41.32
20	A. Pushpashree W/o.R.Nivas	KRRW-14/20	Site No.9	87	52.51
21	Represented By K.R. Annapoorna Ms: K.V.Madan Mohan & Co	KRRW-13/21	Khatha No.526 & Property No.538	87	70.48
22	H.S. Amanulla S/o. Late: Syed Hasin Pasha	KRRW-13/22	Khatha No.87/17	87	76.03
23	Syed Vasim S/o. H.S. Amanulla	KRRW-13/23	Khatha No.202/41B	87	78.72
24	Shivashankar R S/o M Ramesh	KRRW-13/24	87/15/A	87	108.77
25	Syed Jaakir S/o H.S. Amanulla	KRRW-13/25	Khatha No.202/41B	87	62.38
26	Nadeem A.S. S/o H.S. Amanulla	KRRW-13/26	Khatha No.202/41B	87	119.92
27	(1) Syed Hussain Sha (2) Shed Baba Sha	KRRW-13/27	-	90	306.56
28	Dil Syed Begum W/o Late Syed Anwar	KRRW-13/28	202/41B	90	19.63
29	Syed Pyarajan W/o. Late:Syed Masthan Sha Aliyas Baba Sha	KRRW-13/29	Property No.90 202/41B	90	26.54
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A blood test was highly accurate at distinguishing people with Alzheimer's from those without it in several studies, as per the *Journal of the American Medical Association.*

Consumer Electronics Show organizers reversed course on plans to go through with the annual gathering in Las Vegas, saying it will go digital due to the pandemic.

Russia vows it will roll out 2 vaccines in September

RACE FOR REMEDY

MOSCOW: Russia said on Wednesday that it plans to begin production of two "promising" coronavirus vaccines in September and October as Moscow races to develop a formula before Western countries.

At a meeting chaired by President Vladimir Putin, Deputy Prime Minister Tatyana Golikova singled out two vaccines under development by a research institute in Moscow and a lab in Siberia.

"Today there are two vaccines that are the most promising," Golikova said.

Production of the first, which is being tested by the Moscow-based Gamaleya institute and the defence ministry, is set for September, Golikova said.

Another vaccine being developed by the Vektor State labratory near the Siberian city of Novosibirsk should be launched in October, she added. Russia, which has the world's fourth-largest coronavirus caseload, hopes to be the first country to produce a vaccine.

Scientists in the West have raised concerns about the speed of development of Russian vaccines, suggesting that researchers might be cutting corners after coming under pressure from the authorities to deliver.

Russian President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday said it was important to achieve a finished product in a "careful and balanced way."

"One should be absolutely certain in a vaccine," Putin said at the meeting.

Coronaviruses had circulated in bats for decades

More viruses with the potential to infect humans are circulating in the mammals

LINEAGE

NEW YORK: An international team of researchers has discovered that the lineage that gave rise to the SARS-CoV-2, the virus that is responsible for the Covid-19 pandemic, has been circulating in bats for decades and likely includes other viruses with the ability to infect humans.

The findings in *Nature Microbiology* have implications for the prevention of future pandemics. Searching for bat viruses can help identify potential threats.

"Coronaviruses have genetic material that is highly recombinant, meaning different regions of the virus's genome can be derived from multiple sources," said study researcher Maciej Boni from Penn State University in the US.

"This has made it difficult to reconstruct SARS-CoV-2's origins. You have to identify all the regions that have been recombining and trace their histories. To do that, we put together a diverse team with expertise in recombination, phylogenetic dating, virus sampling, and molecular and viral evolution," Boni added.

The researchers found that the lineage of viruses to which Covid-19 virus belongs diverged from other bat viruses about 40-70 years ago.

Importantly, although SARS-CoV-2 is genetically similar (about 96%) to the RaTG13 coronavirus, which was sampled from a *Rhinolophus affinis*

Rhinolophus sinicus, a Chinese horseshoe bat species | Dr. Libiao Zhang, Guangdong Entomological Institute

horseshoe bat in 2013 in Yunnan province, China, the team found that it diverged from RaTG13 a relatively long time ago, in 1969.

The team used three different bioinformatic approaches to identify and remove the recombinant regions within the Covid-19 virus genome.

Next, they reconstructed phylogenetic histories for the non-recombinant regions and compared them to each other to see which specific viruses have been involved in recombination events in the past.

They were able to reconstruct the evolutionary relationships between Covid-19 virus and its closest known bat and pangolin viruses.

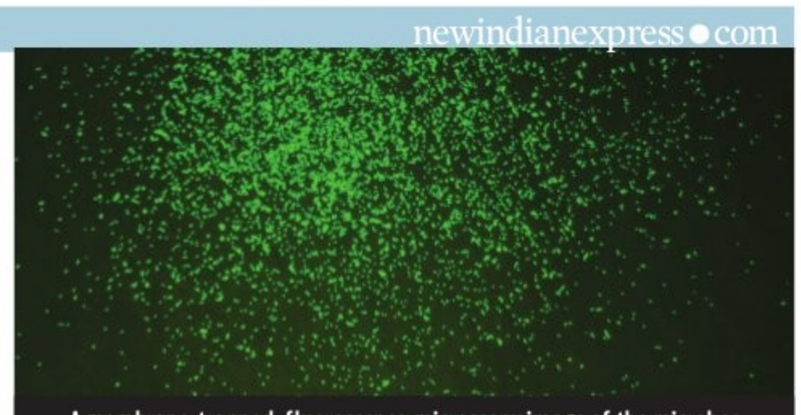
"The ability to estimate divergence times after disentangling recombination histories, which is something we developed in this collaboration, may lead to insights into the origins of many different viral pathogens," said study researcher Philippe Lemey.

UNLIKELY REVIVAL

The research, led by the Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology, sheds light on the remarkable survival power of some of Earth's most primitive species, which can exist for tens of millions of years with barely any oxygen or food before springing back to life in the lab

101.5 MILLION YEARS

THE MICROBES HAD SPENT IN SLUMBER



A membrane-trapped, fluorescence-microscopy image of the microbes

AS IT HAPPENED

Scientisits incubated the samples to help coax the microbes out of their epoch-spanning slumber

Astonishingly, they were able to revive nearly all of the microorganisms

The microbes came from the oldest sediment drilled from the seabed

Oxygen traces in the sediment allowed the microbes to stay alive for millions of years while expending virtually no energy

SURFACE VS THE SEAFLOOR

Energy levels for seabed microbes are million of times lower than that of surface microbes. Such levels would be far too low to sustain the surface microbes, and Morono said it was a mystery how the seabed organisms had managed to survive

Previous studies have shown how bacteria can live on some of the least hospitable places on Earth, including around undersea vents that are devoid of oxygen

EXFILE

ANCIENT MICROBES WAKE UP AFTER 100 MILLION YEARS

Scientists have successfully revived microbes that had lain dormant at the bottom of the sea since the age of the dinosaurs, allowing the organisms to eat and even multiply after eons in the deep

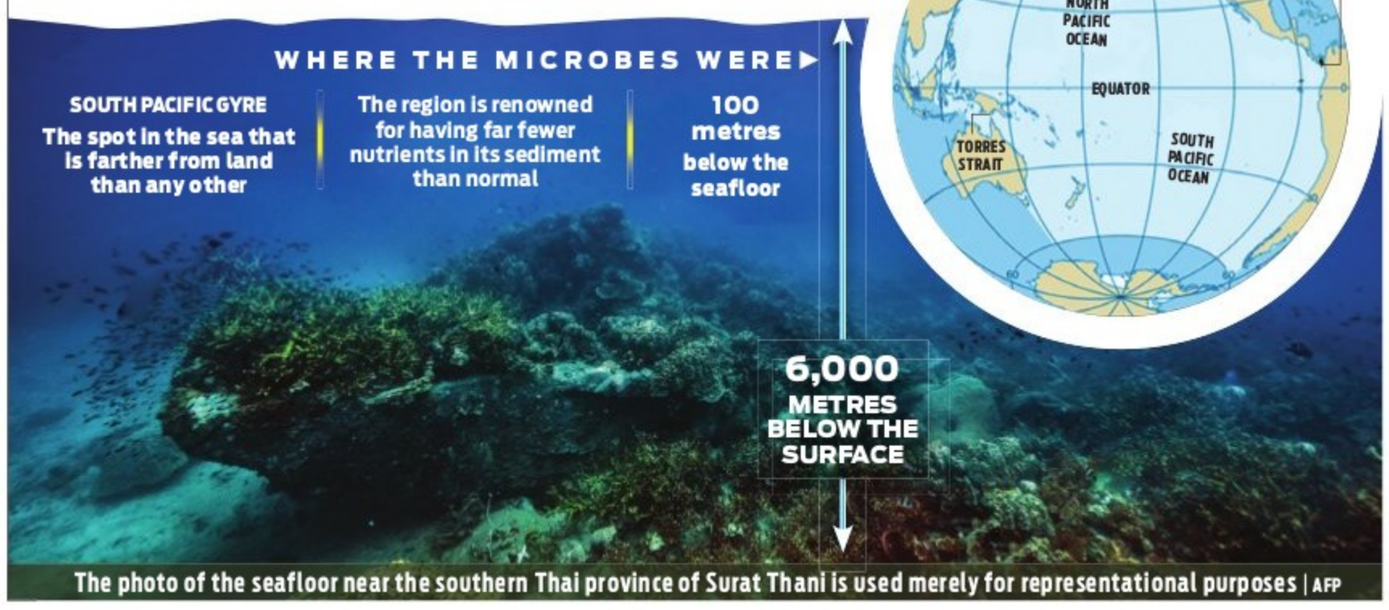
Incubated sediment samples taken from the bottom of the sea

When I found them, I was first sceptical whether the findings are from some mistake or a failure in the experiment. We now know that there is no age limit for [organisms in the] sub-seafloor biosphere

Study's lead author Yuki Morono

NO LIFESPAN

Morono said the new research, published in the journal *Nature Communications*, proved the remarkable staying power of some of Earth's simplest living structures.. "Unlike us, microbes grow their population by divisions, so they do not actually have the concept of lifespan," he added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TORRES STRAIT
SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN

The photo of the seafloor near the southern Thai province of Surat Thani is used merely for representational purposes | AFP

FACT OF THE MATTER

76% decline in migratory fish

247 SPECIES

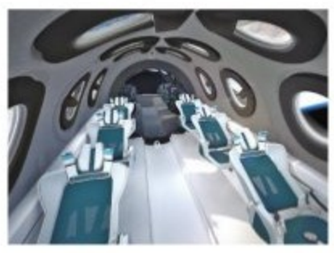
Populations of migratory river fish collapsed by 76 percent on average in the last 50 years, according to a report by conservation groups Tuesday, warning the "catastrophic" declines could impact people and ecosystems around the world. Overfishing and loss of habitat have had a devastating impact on migratory fish, according to the research by groups including the International Union for the Conservation of Nature, WWF, World Fish Migration Foundation and the Zoological Society of London. Almost one in three of all freshwater species are threatened with extinction, the report said, with migratory fish "disproportionately threatened". The study looked at 247 species of fish globally.

Role of bees in food chains

POLLINATORS

Wild bees are worth some $1.5 billion to key fruit and vegetable crops in North America, as per new research that warned declines in these pollinators threatens the productivity of vital agriculture. The study, which had funding from the United States Department of Agriculture, comes as evidence of steep drops in insect populations worldwide prompts fears of dire consequences for crop pollination and natural food chains. Researchers looked at seven major fruit, vegetable and nut crops that are dependent on pollination -- by wild bees and domesticated honeybees, which are often transported around farms as hired crop pollinators.

VIRGIN GALACTIC SHOWS OFF PASSENGER SPACESHIP



The interior of a cabin on the SpaceshipTwo plane | VIRGIN GALACTIC

COSMIC TOURISM

LOS ANGELES: Passengers flying Virgin Galactic on suborbital trips into space will be able to see themselves floating weightless against the backdrop of the Earth below while 16 cameras document the adventures, the firm said. Highly detailed amenities to enhance the customer flight experience were shown in an online event revealing the cabin of the company's rocket plane, a type called SpaceShipTwo, which is undergoing testing in preparation for commercial service.

There are a dozen windows for viewing, seats that will be customized for each flight's six passengers and capable of adjusting for G forces, and, naturally, mood lighting. Yet designer Jeremy Brown said the passengers' most lasting impression may come from a large mirror at the rear of the cabin. "We think that there's a real memory burn that customers are going to have when they see that analog reflection of themselves in the back of the cabin, seeing themselves floating freely in space..." he said.

Vaccines less effective in iron-deficient babies

ANAEMIA

LONDON: Amid the Covid-19 pandemic, the researchers have found that iron deficiency during infancy may reduce the protection that vaccinations provide.

Findings from two clinical studies with children in Kenya, published in the journal Frontiers in Immunology, revealed that iron deficiency is linked to vaccine efficacy.

In their first study, the research group led by Michael Zimmermann from the ETH Zurich University in Switzerland worked in collaboration with scientists from Kenya, the UK, the Netherlands and the US. Their aim was to determine the levels of body iron and antibodies against antigens from the administered vaccines in blood samples of 303 Kenyan children followed from birth to age 18 months.

"In Kenya and other sub-Saharan countries, iron reserves in babies are much lower, especially in those born to anaemic mothers or with low birth weight," Zimmermann said.

The study showed that more than half the children were already suffering from anaemia at the age of 10 weeks, and by 24 weeks, more than 90 per cent had low haemoglobin and red blood cell counts.

Using statistical analyses, the team was able to show the following: despite several vaccinations, the risk of finding a lack of protective antibodies against diphtheria, pneumococci and other pathogens in the blood of 18-month-olds was more than twice as high in anaemic infants compared to those who were not anaemic.

In a second study, the research team administered a powder containing micronutrients to 127 infants slightly over six months old on a daily basis for four months. When the children were vaccinated against measles at the age of nine months-those children who also received iron as a dietary supplement developed a stronger immune response.

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EXPERIMENTAL PLANT

Mega nuclear fusion project aims to recreate Sun's energy

POWER SOURCE

SAINT-PAUL-LES-DURANCE: Fourteen years after receiving the official go-ahead, scientists on Tuesday began assembling a giant machine in Southern France designed to demonstrate that nuclear fusion, the process which powers the Sun, can be a safe and viable energy source on Earth.

The groundbreaking multinational experiment, known as ITER, has seen components arrive in this tiny commune from production sites worldwide in recent months. They will now be painstakingly put together to complete what is described by ITER as the "world's largest puzzle."

The experimental plant's goal is to demonstrate that fusion power can be generated sustainably, and safely, on a commercial scale, with initial experiments set to begin in December 2025. Fusion powers the Sun and other stars when light atomic nuclei fuse together to form heavier ones, releasing huge amounts of energy in doing so.

The challenge is to build a machine which can harness this energy which is meant to be held in place in the reactor vessel and controlled by an immensely strong magnetic field. "With fusion, nuclear holds promise for the future," French President Emmanuel Macron said in a message broadcast on Tuesday.

As a technology, it promises "clean, no-carbon, safe and practically waste-free energy," added the President, who has long advocated nuclear power in the global fight against climate change.

South Korea's President Moon Jae-in, for his part, hailed "the biggest international science project in human history," which he said offered hope of a clean, safe energy source as soon as 2050.

India a partner too

The ITER project was launched in 2006 by 35 countries including the United States, Russia, China, Britain, Switzerland, India, Japan, South Korea and the 27 members of the European Union.

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DAY'S DIARY

Happy birthday

Bodybuilder, action hero, businessman, environmentalist, philanthropist, author, and California's 38th Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger was born on this day in 1947

POLITICAL CAREER

Born in Austria, he migrated to the US in 1968. A politically active Republican during the 1990s, Schwarzenegger ran for the California governorship and won in 2003

IN FILMS

His breakthrough film was the sword-and-sorcery epic *Conan the Barbarian* (1982). In 1984, he appeared in James Cameron's science-fiction thriller film *The Terminator*

TITLE HOLDER

At age 20, Schwarzenegger became the youngest person to win the Mr Universe title. He also won the Mr Olympia contest seven times.

'Sanjay Dutt had a huge hand in designing his own character'

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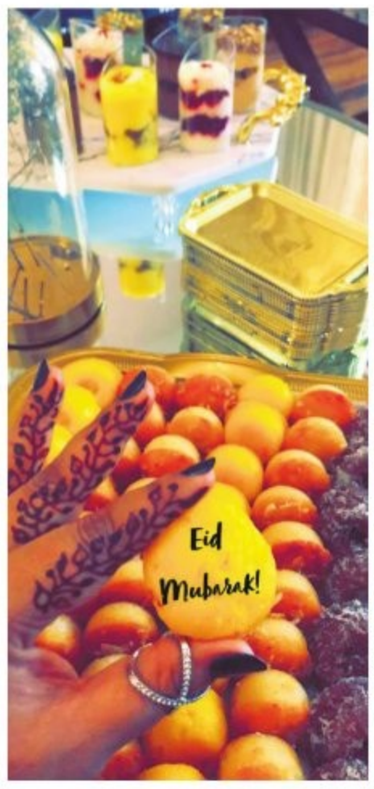

Families will celebrate indoors with festive dishes like Qubani-ka-Meetha

Mohammed Omer Adil

Distributing food to the needy might be possible if we can hand over the food to a third party
— Roshni Safir, makeup artist

Bakrid celebrations will see a sombre tone, with festivities being traded for video call meetups, remote Qurbanis and more

TRADITION IN TIMES OF COV-EID

Muneef Khan

Sermons and prayers at home, doubts about Qurbani and a hearty spread of food with just immediate family members... Bakrid this year is going to lack the usual pomp of festivities. Residents in the city are planning to bring in the festival on a silent note due to the ongoing pandemic and are hoping next year will make up for the low-key celebrations this year. For Roshni Safir, a 38-year-old freelance makeup artist, while the celebrations will see her family whip up the usual delicacies like Kanafeh (a Middle Eastern dessert) and carrot halwa, the Qurbani (sacrifice), which is the highlight of the festival, looks highly uncertain. Like Ramzan, this festival too will see her celebrating the occasion at home with just immediate family members. "We will decide about Qurbani a day before the festival. Distributing food to the needy might be possible if we can hand over the food to a third party," she says.

Sarmad Andrabi, on the other hand, plans to ask his relatives back home in Kashmir to carry out the ritual on his family's behalf. The city-based network engineer says, "If they can't, I am also looking at some online sites that carry out the Qurbani on one's behalf in Saudi Arabia. My parents have taken a practical approach towards festivities this year and certainly won't go to a mosque. We are going to make the most of what we can indoors," says Andrabi, adding that a Covid-19 case arising from his apartment society has also come across as a reality check on stepping out.

Agrees Mohammed Omer Adil, a city-based businessman. Since sheep and goats aren't widely available in the city due to the current circumstances, the 27-year-old is going to look at other alternatives. "There's no option of inviting people home or stepping out to distribute meat. Previously, we would host a feast at home where we would invite our relatives but that's not an option in this pandemic," says Adil, adding that greetings will be carried out through video calls instead of face-to-face meetings.

For Arhaan Mirza Beigh (29), an administrative officer for a group of schools in the city, these alternatives do not satisfy the traditional rituals of Qurbani. "One has to sacrifice an animal, that is the traditional proceedings. Buying/cooking the meat to distribute the food doesn't adhere to the ritual," explains Beigh, adding that even morning prayers offered at mosques will now be offered from home. "The meat from the sacrifice is distributed in three parts – for oneself, for relatives, and for the needy. All these proceedings have gone for a toss this year," he rues. While Beigh will celebrate with just immediate family members this year, he hopes next year will see the usual proceedings.

Tip toeing into bigger steps

Monika Monalisa

While many are struggling to make use of their time during the lockdown productively, **Hrudya Patil** (13) used her time to hone her favourite activity– dancing. Daughter of Vijay Kirgandur, founder of Hombale films (the production house for movies like *KGF* series), along with her friends, has come up with a dance cover of *How You Like That* by Blackpink – a South Korean all-girl band. The proud father took to Twitter, saying, "India has an immense amount of talent specially when it comes to Dance, proving their dance talents on International Platforms. I'm proud of my daughter for doing her first dance video for Blackpink. (sic)"

The troupe, called Cherry Shona, has four members, which includes Patil, her cousin Aharnishi V, and two of her friends Kshama Gowda and Adithri Pradeep. Patil says, "Since my cousin and I were the initial members of the troupe, we included our nicknames – mine is Cherry and Shona for Aharnishi."

A huge fan of K-pop, the idea struck her when Blackpink announced a dance cover challenge, the wining amount of which would be more than 16,000 USD. For the challenge participants had to replicate the dance moves of the original song. "I am a GOT7 fan, however, I find Blackpink and the dance steps catchy too," says Patil, who conceptualised the concept. While they just missed the winning spot, they surely managed to touch a million hearts.

Shot during the lockdown, the youngster, who is trained in Bharatanatyam, Kathak and Hip Hop, makes it sound like a piece of cake. She also adds that proper co-ordination was the key to it. "I had decided who is going to play which part in the video and accordingly, we started practising our steps at our respective homes. We gave ourselves a one-week deadline to finish practising the steps," says Patil, who used to practice two hours a day post her online classes. The whole video was shot at Patil's place with the help of the cameraperson from Hombale films. "We stay in the neighbourhood, so getting all of them together was not the most difficult part," says Patil, adding that the entire shoot was done in a day.

Prashanth and Praveen Udupa

The write way

Software by city-based brothers looks at helping screenwriters, with options to pen their work in regional languages

Simran Ahuja

When Covid-19 struck India, Bengaluru-based brothers Prashanth and Praveen Udupa knew it would be a long time before their venture would be allowed to open doors again. The two are co-founders of a mini theatre called TERIFLIX, which is currently shut due to safety concerns. But instead of rueing the situation, they decided to look at the other end of the spectrum, and shifted their focus from exhibiting films to helping those involved with writing them instead. This gave birth to Scrite – a screenplay writing software that allows screenwriters to write in Hindi, Kannada, Sanskrit, Odiya, Tamil and more. So far, they have seen 500 unique installations, including from users in France, UK and USA.

Prashanth, who has written the code, says the idea came from his passion of reading and writing screenplays. "When I was trying to write a screenplay, I remember thinking how I wish the app would have responded better to me. Most tools let you write in a linear format but I wanted something that would let me visually capturing the structure of the story," explains the 38-year-old. While one would think that all you need to write a screenplay is a blank writing document, Prashanth explains how a screenwriting software doesn't just provide you a canvas to pen down your story, but also gives you tools that help planning the production and pre-production stages of a project. "For example, we have tools like character report – which when chosen for a particular actor, compiles all the scenes he or she appears in, while highlighting the particular dialogues for them," adds Prashanth. Other features that Scrite, for which filmmaker Surya Vasishta contributed towards UI/UX, offers: Location reports (that compiles the number of day and night scenes in a particular setting, which could help in scheduling), character screen matrix reports (which chart out all the characters present in a particular scene) and more.

Currently in beta phase, the duo is seeking feedback for the open source code software, which was developed in three weeks during the first lockdown. New features are currently in the works, including one that allows for more collaboration. "Sometimes, the people who write the dialogues are not the same as the person who writes the screenplay. Multiple writers can be involved with a script so the new feature will look at making it easier for them," he says.

The tool offers samples of screenplays of *Bhinna*, animated film *Punyakoti*, *The Matrix* and more, so as to help students as well. "The idea was never about making a revenue. We just want to add value to different aspects of filmmaking – be it writing or exhibiting," says Praveen. Currently, the software (available on Scrite.io) is free to run.

KNOW YOUR CITY

Answers

The correct answers are

1. Sir. Mark Cubbon, Cubbon Park
2. Sir. C V Raman (Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman)
3. Blossoms of Bangalore

Here are the first three respondents
1) Vikram RS
2) S. Balasubramanyan
3) Ryna Bala Bhatt

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CITY READ

Retrospective of Girish Kasaravalli films

Federation Of Film Societies of India has organised an online retrospective of filmmaker Girish Kasaravalli, that will go on till August 2. Visit vimeo.com/441814975 to view *Ghatashraddha*, which won the President's Golden Lotus award as the Best Indian Film of 1976. It was produced by Sadananda Suvarna. To watch *Thayi Saheba*, visit vimeo.com/441815434. *Kudureyaneri* (Riding The Stallion Of Dreams) can be viewed at vimeo.com/441815905. It was produced by Basantkumar Patil and won the President's Silver Lotus Award for the Best Kannada Film of 2010. On Friday, July 31, at 5pm, FFSI has also organised an online interaction between Kasaravalli by national award-winning film critic Prof N Manu Chakravarthy. That can be viewed at event.webinarjam.com/register/45/ox82kcwl

COVID CARE

CAREGIVER FAQS

Should be an adult and in good health

If the mask gets wet or dirty, change it immediately. Discard the mask after use and wash hands

Wear medical facemask/ N-95 facemask appropriately when in the same room with the Covid-19 positive person. The front portion of the mask should not be touched or handled during use.

Food must be provided to the Covid-19 positive person in his/her room. Utensils and dishes used by the person should be cleaned with soap/detergent and water wearing gloves

Avoid direct contact with body fluids of the Covid-19 positive person, particularly respiratory secretions. Use disposable gloves while handling the person.

Wash hands with soap and water at least for 40 seconds or use alcohol-based hand rub

Person's clothes, linen, and bath and hand towels should be washed separately using regular laundry soap and warm water or machine wash at 60–90 °C with common household detergent, and sun-dried

Avoid exposure to potentially contaminated items. Eg.avoid sharing food, utensils, dishes, drinks, used towels or bed linen

Regularly monitor temperature and report if you develop symptoms like fever, sore throat, difficulty in breathing

From the first day of home-isolation till the person is released from home isolation, ensure that no one leaves the home.

SOURCE: GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

GRAPHIC: AMOL VYAVHARE

MANGO BANANA SMOOTHIE

INGREDIENTS

- **Banana:** 1 and **Mango:** 1
- **Honey:** 1 spoon
- **Milk:** 1/2 cup
- **Elaichi:** 1
- **Badam and Cashews:** 1 each

METHOD

- Cut mango and banana into small pieces. Put them in a mixer.
- Add honey, milk and elaichi.
- Grind them into a smooth paste.
- Garnish with nuts and serve.

– Anu Rajagopal, Chennai

QUICK FIX

What's cooking IN YOUR KITCHEN DURING THIS LOCKDOWN?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

SPACE WATCH

SCULPTED GALAXY

The NASA/ESA Hubble Telescope recently captured the image of NGC 7513, a barred spiral galaxy. Located approximately 60 million light-years away, NGC 7513 lies within the Sculptor constellation in the Southern Hemisphere. This galaxy is moving at the astounding speed of 972 miles per second, and it is heading away from us. For context, Earth orbits the Sun at about 19 miles per second. Though NGC 7513's apparent movement away from the Milky Way might seem strange, it is not that unusual. While some galaxies, like the Milky Way and the Andromeda galaxy, are caught in each other's gravitational pull and will eventually merge together, the vast majority of galaxies in our universe appear to be moving away from each other. This phenomenon is due to the expansion of the universe, and it is the space between galaxies that are stretching, rather than the galaxies themselves moving.

Source: nasa.gov

BRIGHT SPOT

PIZZA PARTY IN A PANDEMIC

In early March, Aliza Abrams Konig pre-ordered 30 pizzas for a party set to celebrate the Jewish holiday Purim at her synagogue in Bronx, New York City. And then COVID-19 hit the world. The Purim party was cancelled. But Konig picked up the 30 pizzas from the Cafeccino Bakery anyway, and delivered them to quarantined congregants. From that cancelled party, the Pizza Brigade was born. Volunteers kept up the pizza deliveries, at no charge to the families, once a week until their quarantine was over. They fed more than 100 families. With the growing need, the Pizza Brigade expanded operations. One day, they delivered 20 pizzas to healthcare professionals at COVID-19 in the emergency room at Montefiore Medical Center. Then 25 pizzas to a local volunteer ambulance corps. The next day, ten pizzas to Weill Cornell Hospital. Even other Jewish communities started sending pizzas to those around them – including in Stamford, Connecticut, where 40 pizzas were sent to families on the front lines.

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BUDDHIVANTHA
A number of women are in court claiming that Panchamrutha, in various disguises, cheated them. However, he vehemently denies their accusations, claiming that he is simply a lookalike.
- Cast: Upendra, Pooja Gandhi, Brinda Parekh

INDRA
Aiyanna is a good Samaritan living with his wife and a caring brother. However, when he and his wife are murdered by a gang of criminals, his brother decides to take revenge.
- Cast: Darshan, Namitha

ABHINETRI
Kalpana, a young woman, works towards her aspirations and rises to stardom. However, her journey is one full of challenges as she faces sexual harassment and struggles to maintain her identity.
- Cast: Pooja Gandhi, Atul Kulkarni, P. Ravi Shankar

APOORVA SAGODHARARGAL
Appu and Raja are twins who were separated at birth. When their father gets killed, the twins meet as adults and plot their revenge.
- Cast: Kamal Haasan, Rupini, Gautami, Srividya

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WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

1 A BRIEF HISTORY OF GRAFFITI BY KELLY WALL
Spray-painted subway cars, tagged bridges, mural-covered walls – graffiti pops up boldly in our cities. And it turns out, graffiti has been around for thousands of years. And across that span of time, it's raised the same questions we debate now: Is it art? Is it vandalism? Kelly Wall describes the history of graffiti.

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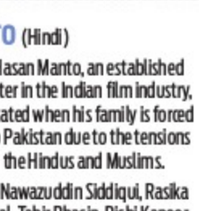

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Al Gore discusses how the steadily declining cost of wind and solar energy will transform manufacturing, transportation and agriculture, offer a cheaper alternative to fossil fuels and nuclear energy and create millions of new jobs.

FIT BIT

PURVOTTANASANA
(UPWARD PLANK POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'Purva' means 'East', 'Ut' means 'intense', 'Tan' means 'stretch' and 'Asana' means 'pose'. This is a stretching pose in the east direction which usually shows a budding potential besides a new beginning. This pose helps avoid weakness and respiratory issues. It extends your upper body, elevates your heart like the sun, removes fear and doubts from your mind. It stimulates the thyroid gland and improves the respiratory process.

STEPS

- Sit with legs stretched in the front. Keep your feet together and spine straight. You can also sit in Dandasana.
- Keep your palms behind your hips. The fingers stay in the opposite direction of your head.
- Keep your arms straight and lean backward.
- Raise your hips off the floor, put your body weight on your hands.
- Slowly straighten both the legs and keep the toes fully on the floor.
- Now lift your hips and chest as high as you can.
- If you are unable to keep your feet completely on the floor, then rest your ankles.
- Heels should be pressed firmly on the mat.
- Hold the final pose till you feel comfortable, and then release it after a few seconds by coming back to the original position.

BENEFITS

- Your lungs completely expand. Hence a good amount of oxygen is taken in. The blocked holes of lungs are opened. This oxygen strengthens our respiratory system. It also provides relief from ailments like asthma.
- Strengthens hands and legs.
- Makes the wrists, arms, shoulders, back, and spine strong.
- Reduces pain in feet, thighs, ankles and heels.
- Helps to focus and calms the mind.
- Relieves stress and helps to increase concentration in children.
- Abdominal fat could be reduced.
- Increases height.
- Increases the sexual power of the person and pelvic organs are well-toned.

LIMITATIONS

- Do not be hasty with this pose if you are a beginner.
- If you feel any discomfort on your waist, avoid the pose.
- Those suffering from slip disc, sciatica, asthma and ulcers should avoid it.
- Pregnant women should avoid this.

– by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

KATHEYONDU SHURUVAGIDE (Kannada)
Tarun, a resort owner, faces severe losses in his business venture and struggles to keep his resort intact. However, his life takes a drastic turn when Tanya enters the resort as a guest.
- Cast: Pooja Devariya, Diganth, Shreya Anchan
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

KAAKAN (Marathi)
A young boy tries to reunite lovers who were separated because of the differences in their social class after 32 years.
- Cast: Ashutosh Gaikwad, Jitendra Joshi, Urmila Kothare
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹ 199 per month

MUGAMOODI (Tamil)
In order to impress Shakthi, Bruce Lee wears a superhero costume and performs martial arts techniques. However, he gets involved in a police chase and helps the officers seize the offenders.
- Cast: Jiiva, Pooja Hegde, Nasser
- Watch on: Netflix
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MEMORIES (Malayalam)
Sam Alex, a police officer, resorts to alcohol to ease the pain of his family's death. However, his life turns around when he is called to investigate a series of murders showing a similar pattern.
- Cast: Prithviraj Sukumaran, Meghana Raj, Rahul Madhav
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

FRENCH BIRIYANI (Kannada)
Simon, representative of a pharmaceutical company from France, and Asgar, local auto driver from Shivajinagar, share a two-day long journey in Bengaluru. That twisted journey with comedy of errors changes the way they look at life.
- Cast: Danish Sait, Disha Madan, Sal Yusuf
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
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All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

EVARU (Telugu)
Vikram, a police inspector, is tasked with catching the killer of a senior officer who has allegedly raped Sameera. When he starts investigating, he encounters dark secrets tied to his past.
- Cast: Adivi Sesh, Regina Cassandra, Navin Chandra
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹129 per month

MANTO (Hindi)
Saadat Hasan Manto, an established story writer in the Indian film industry, is devastated when his family is forced to flee to Pakistan due to the tensions between the Hindus and Muslims.
- Cast: Nawazuddin Siddiqui, Rasika Duggal, Tahir Bhasin, Rishi Kapoor
- Watch on: Netflix
- Registration: ₹199 per month

ENGLISH/FOREIGN

TERMINATOR: DARK FATE (English)
In Mexico City, a newly modified liquid Terminator – the Rev-9 model – arrives from the future to kill a young factory worker named Dani Ramos. Also sent back in time is Grace, a hybrid cyborg human who must protect Ramos from the seemingly indestructible robotic assassin. But the two women soon find some much-needed help from a pair of unexpected allies – seasoned warrior Sarah Connor and the T-800 Terminator.
- Cast: Linda Hamilton, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Mackenzie Davis
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
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TOMORROWLAND: A WORLD BEYOND (English)
Frank, a former inventor, and Casey, a curious teenager, embark on a dangerous mission to unravel the secrets of Tomorrowland, an unexplored dimension in time and space.
- Cast: Britt Robertson, Raffey Cassidy, George Clooney, Pierce Gagnon
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar
- Registration: ₹ 399 per year

A SEASON IN FRANCE (French)
An African high-school teacher flees from the country during a war. He reaches France where he falls in love with a woman, who gives him and his family shelter.
- Cast: Sandrine Bonnaire, Eriq Ebouaney, Ibrahim Burama Darboe
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

BASED ON A TRUE STORY (French)
Although she is wading through her own personal crisis, a writer becomes involved with an obsessive admirer.
- Cast: Eva Green, Emmanuelle Seigner, Vincent Perez, Dominique Pinon
- Watch on: Amazon Prime
- Registration: ₹ 129 per month

STYLE AND THE CITY
Sarayu Hegde

MIXING IT UP:
TIMELESS VS TRENDY FASHION

Want to up your style quotient? Look beyond the hottest buys of the season while building your wardrobe

The core of every closet is based on the foundation of getting it right – a perfect balance of timeless classic pieces or essentials that make up a major part of your wardrobe mixed with trendy add-ons or fillers as I like to call them, that add a little character and fun element to your style.

After a recent peek into my closet revealed numerous once worn outfits and some even with tags on them, I wondered, when our clothes started to become just Instagram worthy vs wardrobe worthy. How did we become addicted to constantly craving new and trendy vs classic and timeless? When did our wardrobes shift to a dump of trendy excess one-time wear garments vs the classic capsule staples?

Carry Bradshaw's famous quote in *Sex And The City*, "I like my money right where I can see it, hanging in my closet" would sound like a nightmare if your money is hanging like dead stock in your closet. The trick to being smart with how you approach trends is to make sure they don't form the main essential of your wardrobe, but are more of an enhancer. This way you can maximise the use of your wardrobe multiple times. Most trends are momentary mood elevators. They give you a high when you buy them and the effect wears off faster than you expect. While some trends in the history of fashion have gained iconic status, in today's times it's all about "trending now" that don't go beyond your last Instagram post. When you blindly follow trends, you are seeking borrowed gratification based on fashion which is not your own, just because you want to be trendy with the newest "it" bag or garment. You are replicating someone else's definition of style which may not suit your personality or body type. Trends disappear as quickly as they appear and you actually never get a chance to develop your own style.

A wardrobe built on trends alone without timeless classics is hard to sustain and will only leave you with a mismatched and chaotic closet you build on someone else's opinion. On the brighter side trends have always been cyclical, so if you're smart at spotting them, they can be pieces you come back to over the years.

Investing in a thoughtfully-selected and versatile wardrobe comprising quality pieces rather than an overflowing wardrobe with random buys will definitely add to your confidence. Timeless style is something you own and fits your personality. Styles which you use over the years are evergreen and look just as good, still feel fresh and last forever. It's the style, the cut, the fabrication that makes it timeless.

Fashion is a non-verbal way of communicating your personal style. While it's best to own a balance of trendy and classic pieces, staying true to ones intrinsic personality should dictate your choices. Whether you choose to be trendy or classic forever, create your own distinctive style with a clever mixed bag of timeless essentials with an occasional trendy garment thrown in. The formula is to curate a versatile essential wardrobe which works for you and add trends which allow you to be experimental to bring out your unique style and create your own kind of timeless piece.

(The writer is a lifestyle consultant and mindful fashion advocate)

Timeless classic suit printed on handloom cotton linen by House of Three

TURNING PAGES

'Three BSF jawans had also fallen prey to the terrorists' bullets'

Express Features

It had been three years since Vikrant and Mirza had foiled an attempt by the Inter-Services Intelligence, Pakistan's premier intelligence agency, to leak sensitive secrets of the Indianarmed forces. The operation had resulted in the death of one of the most dreaded terrorists in Asia, a character so slippery that no one seemed to know his real name. He became notorious as Munafiq, the Urdu word for two-faced, a sobriquet that Mirza had conferred on him thanks to his ability to appear like an ordinary citizen while spreading terror across the continent.

The success of the operation had earned the entire team accolades from all over the world, and Vikrant and Mirza, after being promoted to senior ranks, were both transferred from the National Investigation Agency to RAW.

In fact, Naidu had been the prime minister during the terrorist operation and had had a large role to play in the drama. Munafiq had hijacked a cruise liner in Lakshadweep on which Naidu's estranged daughter, Vaishali, was holidaying, and tried to use her as leverage to get access codes to the Indian Navy base's mainframe on Lakshadweep, INS Dweeprakshak. Fortunately, Mirza figured out the plot before Naidu could hand over the access codes. The incident had brought father and daughter closer.

Now, Mirza and the closest thing he had to a son were sitting in a suite rented by the state government in a five-star hotel in the Bandra Kurla Complex, which had become the command centre of the team investigating the attack.

'I didn't know you were friends,' Vikrant said.

'Worked together on a lot of missions back in the day. A lot of our undercover operatives who were rescued from behind enemy lines owe their lives to his brilliant planning and strategy,' Mirza replied.

Two days had passed since the attack. Somesh Kumar had been confirmed dead half an hour after the dust had settled. The SUV was mangled to a ball and his body, which was hanging together by its sinews, was removed after the vehicle was cut open using blowtorches.

Four Mumbai Police personnel and three BSF jawans had also fallen prey to the terrorists' bullets, while four others were in the hospital with serious injuries.

As Mirza and Vikrant had expected, the investigation had begun as a bureaucratic nightmare, with everyone wanting a piece of the action. The NIA demanded that they spearhead the probe. The Maharashtra Anti-Terrorism Squad wanted the same. The CIA and MOSSAD wanted to send their own people. IB and RAW were ever present in the shadows. Mumbai Police, smarting from the loss of face as the attack had happened on their turf, were also lobbying hard to be part of the investigation. There were cries of 'intelligence failure' all around. Two hours after the attack, Mirza and Vikrant had had a video conference call with National Security Advisor Pradeep Singh.

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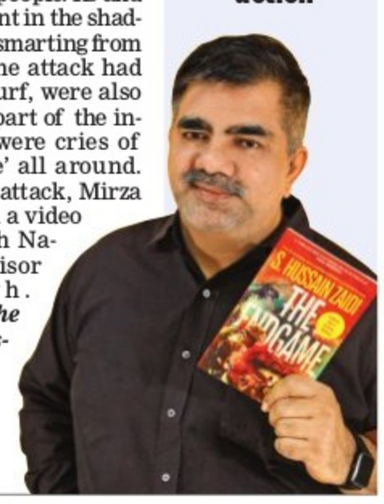

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From left: Veecheet Dhakal, Joe Panicker, Anudwatt Dhakal and Siddhant Mani Chettri

On a wild note

Muneef Khan

After the release of their debut album *Joro* (Fever) in 2019, city-based Nepali folk fusion rock outfit Gauley Bhai is out with the video of *Simrayo*, a song from the 10-track album. Formed in 2017, the current line-up features Veecheet Dhakal (violin, vocals), Siddhant Mani Chettri (guitar, vocals), Anudwatt Dhakal (bass guitar, vocals) – originally from Kalimpong, and Joe Panicker, from Calicut. Directed the Ekta Mittal, the video revolves around two free souls, living in their own worlds, guided by free will and love, and is a provocation to a world that is afraid to let lovers be. "It is about a sense of wanting and yearning in life, often we playfully experience it in love - giving into impulse and desire," says Mittal. She says the video tries to stay true to the spirit of Simrayo – a wild shrub that grows under springs in Kalimpong. "It is inspired by Simrayo's wild nature, taste and fragrance as seen in the daring spirit of lovers," adds Mittal. The sets, animation and post-production was done by Sharanya Ramesh, a stop motion animation filmmaker, with Amarjit Khalsa lending some interesting puppeteering skills to the video as well.

While their debut album was an exploration of love, longing, memory and identity, the members share that the album emerged from the in-between space that migration often leaves you in. "The lyrical imagery and the sound borrows from where we grew up – three of us in Kalimpong, and Joe, our drummer, in Calicut. We've all been in Bangalore for the last 10-12 years, and this is where Gauley Bhai was born," says Veecheet. The album also reflects their experiences in the city and has a distinctly urban sound, while also borrowing from the memory of home, and a feeling of loss and longing.

> **"The song is about a sense of wanting and yearning in life, often we playfully experience it in love – giving into impulse and desire**
>
> **—Ekta Mittal,** director

Portraying an infectious blend of folk fusion rock, the songwriting is seemingly inspired by the Nepali language but the members assert that it isn't the complete case. "We wouldn't say that it borrows heavily from the language only. All four of us are committed to singing and writing in regional languages," says Chettri, adding that the grooves and rhythms are influenced by aspects of Nepali folk, South Indian percussive elements as well as genres like blues and rock. "In the lyrics and vocal style, it is influenced by the way the language is colloquially and locally spoken in Kalimpong, rather than the language in its classical sense," adds Anudwatt. The lyrics have been penned by Veecheet but the music is composed by the band together.

While they have already worked on a video for Morau, in the pipeline are videos for Thupari Udi and Sangalanga Dooby. "Our tour in Nepal got cut short. But the lockdown has made time for a few other projects – we've got our studio space up and running for live recordings," says Panicker, adding that they hope to complete their second album by the end of the year.

Concert for a cause

Express Features

Ainesh Mohan, a Class 11 student, has set up a musical group, Musical Messiahs, with his friends. The group recently performed a virtual concert to raise funds to supply food to students of a residential school and NGO, Sucheta Kriplani Shiksha Niketan (SKSN) in Jodhpur, Rajasthan. The non-profit initiative aims to raise funds for people in need by conducting music concerts. In total, the students were able to mobilise funds of over ₹1.6 lakh, through crowd-funding websites and support from many others for the school, which has around 500 children.

Mohan, who is a student of Greenwood High, said, "I thought the group name 'Musical Messiahs' would be a great fit. 'Messiah' means angels or saviours and musical messiahs aptly describes our intentions - helping people in need through music." The music group also included Aarush Mohan, Anirudh Krishnakumar, Aryan Jain, Deekshita T Nambi, Nachiket S Yadav, Neha Gupta , Prajeet K Roy, Sampreeth Immidisetty, Siddharth Sundarajan and Virochan V Pandit. The group performed different genres of music together, all contributing to the themes of 'Emotion' and 'Spreading Smiles'.

It was a live stream on YouTube of the recordings of each of them performing their respective pieces. Some of the songs they performed included *River Flows in You* by Yiruma, *The Swan* by Camille Saint-Saens, *Summertime* by Ella Fitzgerald, *Exercise 17 Op. 35* by Fernando Sor, *A Million Dreams* by ZivZaifman, Michelle Williams, and Hugh Jackman, and many others. The group is planning more concerts in the future to raise funds for multiple causes.

CITY READ

Food chain distributes 25k meals to needy

Nando's, the South African restaurant chain, has joined hands with the volunteer-based zero-funds Robin Hood Army to provide 25,000 fresh, chicken meals to the needy across the slums of Bengaluru and Delhi. This month-long social initiative, that has been running since July 15, and will continue until August 15, is serving socially vulnerable people with nutritious meals. The Robin Hood Army will distribute these meals to those in need across the two cities.

Booklet on antenatal and postnatal care released

The National Neonatal Forum Karnataka chapter and UNICEF HFO together have taken the initiative to write a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) booklet for 'Antenatal, Intrapartum, Postnatal and New born Care during COVID-19'. The booklet is available for free for all and training of all the nurses, doctors, healthcare workers. This e-book will be uploaded on the website of NNF and all the other medical bodies who have contributed to it.

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SHIVARAJKUMAR AND HARSHA TO COLLABORATE FOR FOURTH TIME

The untitled project will be produced by Ramesh Kumar, Sudhindra, and Ashok Kumar; made under the banner Aphrodite Renaissance Talkies Pvt Ltd; official announcement to be made on Varamahalakshmi

• A Sharadhaa

Hedarabedaa... Kshamisabedaa! Hunt begins. A black and white poster, which gives a close-up look of Shivarajkumar was revealed on the Century Star's birthday on July 12. The team also announced that the film will be made under the banner Aphrodite Renaissance Talkies Pvt Ltd, which will be their first production. However, no details about the director or technicians were mentioned. Now, *CE* has found out that A Harsha will be directing this film for Shivanna, and produced by Ramesh Kumar, Sudhindra, and Ashok Kumar.

Shivarajkumar and Harsha who share a good working relationship, and this will be their fourth collaboration of the actor and director. The first was *Vajrakaya*, second, *Bhajarangi* which was followed by *Bhajarangi 2*. While it is currently on floors, they are already planned their next. "Shivanna was impressed with the storyline Harsha has come up, and has given green signal for the project. Makers are also planning to bring on board a top heroine from the south Indian industry, and have already initiated talks with a few actors.

An announcement regarding this will be officially made by Shivanna himself on the occasion of Varamahalakshmi. This yet-to-be-titled film will be among the slew of films Shivanna has lined up. The actor will be completing the remaining portions of *Bhajarangi 2* which is made under Jayanna Films. The Hattrick hero also has *RDX* directed by Ravi Arasu and bankrolled by Sathya Jyothi Films; Lakki Gopal's directorial debut; and *Bhairathi Ranagal*, to be directed by Narthan, which will be bankrolled under the actor's home banner, Sri Muthu Productions. *Bhairathi Ranagal* will be his 125th film. Shivanna will also be associating with Telugu director Ram Dulipudi and has lined up a film with cinematographer and director Vijay Milton. He will be sharing screen space with Dhananjay. With Harsha's project falling in his kitty, this will be yet another crazy combination for viewers to look forward to.

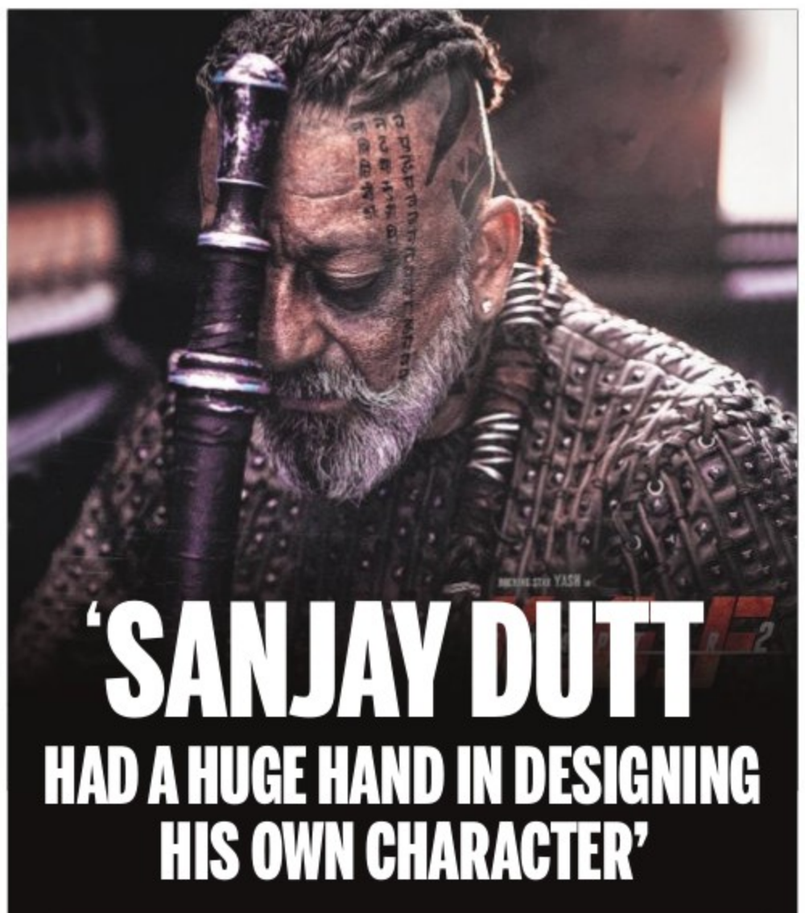
Shivaji Surathkal slated for OTT release on Aug 7

• CE Features

Look out for Shivaji Surathkal, the investigative officer played by Ramesh Aravind to be out on streaming platform — Zee5 -- on August 7. The crime thriller, *Shivaji Surathkal -- The Case of Ranagiri Rahasya*, which received a good response from the Kannada audience is now slated to see a digital release. Though the initial plan of the film producers – Anup Gowda and Rekha KN -- was not to bring it on an OTT platform and go for a re-release, the extended lockdown and theatres not reopening has led to the decision. \

Directed by Akash Srivatsa with music by Judah Sandy and cinematography by Guruprasad MG also features Radhika Narayan and Aarohi Narayan. Meanwhile, the film is all set to be made in Hindi. B4U, a production house has acquired the remake rights of the crime drama, has also taken the dubbing rights for the North Indian languages. The film is likely to be remade in other south Indian languages, and discussions are on for it to be made Tamil, Telugu and Malayalam. Furthermore, the actor and director are prepping for the sequel, and the duo is currently working on the script.

A still from *Shivaji Surathkal*



'SANJAY DUTT HAD A HUGE HAND IN DESIGNING HIS OWN CHARACTER'

Director Prashanth Neel reveals that the Bollywood actor has put in a lot of thought and effort into his south Indian debut as antagonist Adheera in Yash-starrer *KGF Chapter 2*

• A Sharadhaa

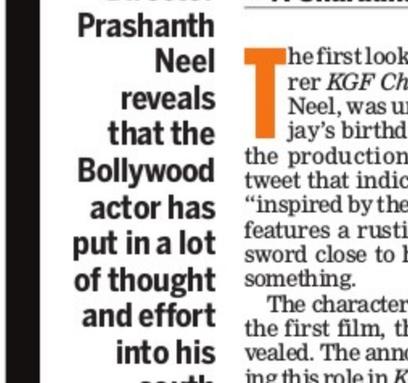
The first look of Sanjay Dutt from Yash-starrer *KGF Chapter 2*, directed by Prashanth Neel, was unveiled on the occasion of Sanjay's birthday. The poster was unveiled by the production house Hombale Films via a tweet that indicated the character Adheera is "inspired by the brutal ways of the vikings." It features a rustic tattoo-clad Sanjay, holding a sword close to him, apparently grieving over something.

The character Adheera was teased heavily in the first film, though his identity was not revealed. The announcement of Sanjay Dutt playing this role in *KGF Chapter 2* got fans across the country excited and they had been eagerly awaiting this first look. Sanjay himself took to Twitter to share his excitement today. "It's been a pleasure working on this film and I couldn't have asked for a better birthday gift," he said and thanked director Prashanth Neel, producer Vijay Kiragandur, actors Yash, Karthik Gowda, Deepak, Likitha, Pradeep, and the entire team of *KGF*, as well as fans for showering him with their love and support.

Talking about what went into bringing together the costume and style for Adheera's look, director Prashanth Neel revealed to us that Sanjay Dutt had a huge hand in designing his own character. "We wanted to show the actor menacingly, and we decided to go with a viking look. Sanjay sir has put a lot of effort and thought into it personally. His input has been huge," said Prashanth.

KGF Chapter 2, which stars Yash and Srinidhi Shetty in the lead, also has Raveena Tandon playing a much-hyped prime minister character. The film has music by Ravi Basrur and cinematography by Bhuvan Gowda, with Shivakumar taking care of the art department.

While the team still has 25 days of shooting left, Prashanth Neel is currently working on the post-production of the filmed portions. *KGF Chapter 2* was initially scheduled for release on October 23, which now looks uncertain due to the ongoing pandemic. However, no official announcement has been made regarding a new release date.



Prashanth Neel

Virgin Bhanupriya might have a sequel: Urvashi Rautela

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The OTT release *Virgin Bhanupriya* might have a sequel, says lead actress of the film, Urvashi Rautela. She added that the film will be similarly accessible to everyone in the digital space.

"I believe that Part 2 will similarly be accessible to the audience, with a lot of twists," she said.

Urvashi is clearly overwhelmed to have worked in the heroine-oriented film. "It's very fulfilling for me as an artist because my director, producers and the entire cast and crew of the film was happy, which made me very happy. Virgin Bhanupriya for me is a very special and extraordinary film as it is first of its kind film made on virginity. What made *Virgin Bhanupriya* accessible to the audiences was the fact that there was a family angle with lots of comedy infused in it," she gushed.

The actress says she is thankful to the audience for loving the character, Bhanupriya.

Bhanupriya, played by Urvashi, is a college-going conservative girl who decides she has to lose her virginity. She thinks it should be the easiest thing in today's world. However, all her attempts go in vain and a soothsayer predicts it won't happen in her life.

Virgin Bhanupriya also features Gautam Gulati, Archana Puran Singh, Delnaaz Irani, Rajiv Gupta and Brijendra Kala, Niki Aneja Walia and Rumana Molla.

Urvashi Rautela

'YOUR BACKGROUND DOESN'T guarantee your success in South cinema'

Navein Darshan

Shruti Haasan

In a previous interview with us, Shruti Haasan had shared that the applause she got for a six-minute performance as a kid was the reason she decided to get into the field of entertainment. With her film, *Yaara*, directed by Tigmanshu Dhulia and co-starring Vidyut Jammwal, premiering on Zee5, I ask if she will miss out on audience response in the theatres. "Absolutely not," she replies, "Even when my films came out in theatres, I never went to watch them on the first day. Entertaining the audience is my priority, the medium isn't." She calls herself a big fan of the OTT platforms and says it is a blessing to have a release. "We shot for *Yaara* in 2016. That it is getting a release during such a turbulent time is a great thing. I believe our film will reach a wider audience now."

Shruti's character Sukanya is a 48-year-old for much of the film, and she attributes this as a big reason why she chose the project. "*Yaara* is a period film set in the 70s and then, in the 90s. Playing a character in her late forties excited me," says this "fangirl" of Tigmanshu Dhulia. "I love how he portrays his female characters." The actor did not think it necessary to watch the French film, *A Gang Story*, that *Yaara is* based on. "I never do that. I did the same with films like *Ramaiya Vastavaiya* and *Gabbar*."

Shruti mentioned in an interview that among the reasons for her sabbatical from cinema, was the uncomfortable realisation that she was trying to fulfill somebody else's version of herself as an actor. "I entered cinema without any idea of how the industry functions. Nobody taught me how to talk to heroes or producers. I was reluctant to connect with people and found myself in a shell. This, ultimately, made me lose opportunities. I didn't even know how to talk in interviews. So, slowly, I began accepting the version that people had of me in their head." Singing, she says, was a strength she was comfortable, but acting was a skill she had to learn in front of countless people. "I was sorted as a musician and a singer, since I knew what I wanted. I knew how to use my rather unique voice wisely. But in cinema, everything felt new."

She feels turning 30 (in 2016) opened her eyes in many ways. "Instead of running from anxiety, I let it pass through me, and began finding my peace in both my personal and professional life. I understood that it is necessary to communicate and connect with people. Now, I am in touch with a lot of people who I feel comfortable with," she says, and adds that she understands that not everyone grapples with such adaptation problems. "I low-key envy those who come in, so sure of what they want and how they want their journey to be. I am still learning and wish I had learnt such things faster. But I am at peace with my pace of growth."

In hindsight, would she give her younger self, who debuted with *Luck*, any advice? "I thought about this recently, but honestly, even if I had some advice for the younger me, she wouldn't listen. With insecurities, comes rebellion. I was full of insecurities back then."

Though Shruti Haasan has been keeping the singer and musician in her alive with live performances and musical tours, she hasn't returned to composing for films after her debut with *Unnaipol Oruvan*. "I want to take it up, but I understood that it's a commitment that demands a lot of time. I will pursue it sometime later in my career," she says.

I ask her to weigh in on the ongoing debate on nepotism, and she admits that her entry card into cinema was on account of her father, Kamal Haasan. "The doors of the film industry opened for me simply because of my surname. It would be criminal to deny that. But over the years, I learned that things are different in Tamil and Telugu cinema when compared to Bollywood." She explains, "I made my debut alongside a star like Suriya in Tamil, an actor who also got his break because of his father, Sivakumar sir. And yet, his path to stardom was carved by his work. After that initial launch, every actor has to prove their talent and work hard to get their next offer, especially in Telugu and Tamil cinema. Your background stops being such an influence after your debut. I am not sure whether this is the case in Bollywood. I think it's different there."

And now, the actor returns to South cinema, with projects like *Krack* and *Laabam* in the offing. "I am grateful that director Gopichand Malineni offered me *Krack* at a time when people started speculating that I have left the industry. I look forward to completing shooting for both films."